WEATHER.
Partly cloudy and slightly colder Monday; Tuesday rain.

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## 51,800 TONS SHIPPING CLAIMED AS U-BOAT'S TOLL FOR SINGLE DAY

Included One 20,000-Ton Auxiliary Cruiser, Two Smaller Warships and Transport.

2 BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

Another Ship, the Worcestershire, of 7,175 Tons, Reported Sent Down Yesterday.

REVIEW OF THE WAR NEWS

Germans Fail to Recapture the Ground Taken by British.

Two more British steamers have been sent to the bottom by Germans. Their aggregate tonnage is 4,333. Another British steamer, the Worcestershire, 7,175 tons, is reported to have been sunk.

A German official communication announces the sinking during one day by a single submarine of 51,800 tons of Entente vessels—an auxiliary cruiser of 20,000 tons, two auxiliary cruisers, or transport steamers, of 13,600 tons each, and one transport of 4,600 tons.

**German Attacks Fruitless.**

The Germans in the Miraumont sector of the Ancre front in France have striven hard to regain the positions taken from them by the British on Saturday, but their attempts were fruitless, according to the British war office. Attacking in waves, the Germans came under the concentrated fire of the British guns and were swept back to their trenches suffering heavy casualties. At no place did the attacking forces reach the British line and the British suffered no casualties.

The British captured 780 officers and men.

The Berlin war office, in its description of the Ancre fighting of Saturday, says the positions several times changed hands, but that before abandoning their advanced crater positions the Germans took 130 men prisoner and captured five machine guns.

**French Efforts Fail.**

French raiding operations and artillery duels still continue on various sectors of the front in France and Belgium. In Champagne, near Ripont, according to Berlin, the French have actively shelled the Germans in the positions captured from the French last week, but have been unable to launch infantry attacks owing to the terrific artillery reply of the Germans.

Except for isolated attacks, the most violent of which was delivered by the Russians against Teutonic allied positions in the Oituz valley in Rumania and which Berlin says was requised, little fighting is in progress in the eastern theatre.

Petrograd admits the entry of Germans into Russian trenches south of Dvinsk, but says later they were driven out. In the Carpathians, a strong Austro-German work south of Okno has been captured by the Russians.

In the Austro-Italian and Macedonian theatres artillery activity predominates. Nothing new has come through concerning the situation on the Irak front, where the last reports credited the British with having taken additional positions from the Turks in the region of Kut-El-Amara.

**STEAMER WORCESTERSHIRE IS REPORTED SENT DOWN**

London, Feb. 18.—Lloyd's Shipping Agency anounced that the British steamship Worcestershire, of 7,175 tons gross, was reported sunk.

Lloyd's also announces that the British ship Valdes, of 2,285 tons gross, had been torpedoed and sunk without warning. Two members of the vessel's crew were killed and nine are missing. The captain and others of the crew have been landed.

**BERLIN REPORTS MARVELOUS WORK OF A SINGLE U-BOAT**

Berlin, Feb. 16, (via Sayville).—It is officially announced that one German submarine within 24 hours sank one auxiliary cruiser of 20,000 tons gross, two auxiliary cruisers, or transport steamers of 13,600 tons each, and one transport of 4,600 tons. Thus, one submarine within 24 hours destroyed 51,800 tons.

Six steamers and one sailing vessel, totalling 25,000 tons, were sunk February 13. One steamer carried 1,000 tons of hay, 1,500 tons of wheat and 2,000 tons of oats, and one steamer carried kerosine for England. A submarine has brought in three captains, two engineers and one wireless operator as prisoners. Two of the tank steamers were armed.

**Steamer Romsdalen Sunk**

London, Feb. 18.—The sinking of the British steam ship Romsdalen, of 2,548 tons gross, has been announced.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—The government of Ecuador, according to reports received here, has proposed to the Latin-American countries that a meeting be held at Montevideo to decide on an answer to the Mexican note proposing the cessation of shipments of supplies to the European belligerents.

### *German Casualties Up To January, 4,087,692*

London, Feb. 18.—Casualties in the German army, exclusive of colonial troops, reported in the German casualty lists in the month of January, 1917, totalled 77,534 officers and men killed, wounded, prisoners or missing. The total compiled from the list follow:

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| Killed and died | 15,906 |
| Prisoners | 1,645 |
| Missing | 11,874 |
| Wounded | 48,109 |
| Total | 77,534 |

These casualties bring the total of German killed and those who died of wounds or sickness to 988,329 and the total casualties since the war began to 4,087,692.

## WAITING POLICY IS STILL MAINTAINED

President Has Not Made Up Mind as to Asking More Power from Congress Soon.

EARLY ACTION IS EXPECTED

**Belief is Based on the Knowledge That Mr. Wilson is Anxious to Avoid Calling An Extra Session Congress.**

Washington, Feb. 18.—The American government continued its waiting policy towards Germany's ruthless submarine warfare today, and although it is taken for granted in all quarters that President Wilson will go before Congress on the situation before adjournment March 4, the statement was authorized that so far he had made no definite plans to that end.

The visit of the President to the capitol yesterday to discuss with senators the advisability of appearing before a joint session to ask authority for protecting American sailors and ships from submarines has given rise to much speculation as to when the step will be taken. The belief everywhere that there will be action not later than next week, if nothing happens to precipitate it before, is based upon the knowledge that the President wishes to avoid calling an extra session of Congress if possible, and the reiterated declarations of members of the administration that the present conditions, under which most of the American ships in overseas trade have been frightened into cancelling sailing dates, cannot be permitted to continue.

The small number of vessels sunk by submarines within the past few days is attracting no little attention. Officials always point out, however, that this does not alter the fact that through fear of the consequences, American ships and many of other nationalities are remaining in port. The opening of Halifax as a port of examination, allowing some vessels to avoid the danger area by not going to Kirkwall, is expected to somewhat lessen the effects of the virtual blockade of eastern American ports.

Every means at the disposal of the government continues to be used to prepare for any eventuality, and the administration believes no time has been wasted. If a decision to arm American merchantmen should be reached it is understood that it could be done very quickly.

There has been no further developments in the situation between the United States and Austria-Hungary and Turkey. While press dispatches from Germany told of the dispatch of official word of the release of the American prisoners on the prize vessel Yarrowdale, the receipt of the notice has not reached the State Department.

**WILL INSPECT SOUTHERN SITES FOR ARMOR PLANT**

**Navy Board Leaves For Visit to Several Towns In The South**

Washington, Feb. 18.—The navy armor plant board left Washington tonight for the South to inspect sites for the proposed $11,000,000 armor factory and to hear deligations from places which seek the plant. The first stop will be at Bristol, Va., tomorrow, where the Big Stone Gap, Va., representatives will be heard.

Johnson City and Kingsport, Tenn., will be visited Tuesday and at Knoxville Wednesday the Middlesboro, Ky., representatives will be heard. The board will spend Washington's birthday in Chattanooga and hold a hearing there February 23 before going to Birmingham where the Anniston, Ala., delegation will be received. The board will reach Birmingham February 23 and remain until February 26, holding a hearing at Tuscaloosa, Ala., February 26. Gadsden, Ala., will be visited February 27 and then the board will go to Rome, Ga., for a hearing there February 28.

The visit to Rome will end the trip, the board returning to Washington via Atlanta, arriving here March 1.

## LUDENDORFF REAL 'BOSS' OF GERMANY

His Power and Influence Wielded in Virtually Every Department of the Empire.

LEADERS SEEK HIS ADVICE

**To Him Must Be Given Credit For Much of the Great System Which Has Held Germany Together During the War.**

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 18.—(Staff Correspondence of Associated Press).—Germany now has a real "boss" in General von Ludendorff, first quartermaster general. The hand of Field Marshall von Hindenburg's chief of staff and trusted colleague now is felt not only in his strategic determinations and directions of the armies of the central powers, but reaches out into Germany's whole economic and social life.

All the threads not only of military control but also of civil administration, food distribution, industry, agriculture and finally even of German foreign relations, all of which now are subordinated to military requirements now run ultimately to the chateau at the Silesian country seat of the Prince of Piess, where General von Ludendorff sits with the great Field Marshal von Hindenburg at imperial headquarters. Where a purely military decision is in question von Hindenburg's name is usually cited as the determinant authority, but in all other great questions in the forefront of German policy in recent months such as the introduction of universal auxiliary labor service, the conversion of German industry to an absolute war basis, the transfer of Belgian workmen to Germany, the tightening of the food distribution regulations and finally unrestricted submarine warfare, the prophecies of coming decisions in formed circles, were almost invariably accompanied by the self-explanatory remark: "Ludendorff ist dafuer" (Ludendorff is for it).

**Checked Russian Advance**

The talented general staff officer, who, in the exciting days of August, 1914, when Lieutenant-General von Prittwitz Und Gaffron had determined to retire before the superior Russian forces and already had given orders to abandon East Prussia, was hurried eastward from imperial headquarters, picking up Field Marshal von Hindenburg on the way, to save the situation, has merely extended to all of Germany the system which he introduced in the east when von Hindenburg was merely the over-commander of the eastern forces. General von Ludendorff then had full control of the entire administration in the occupied districts of Russia.

If a new customs tariff were to be introduced for Poland and if regulations for the tobacco trade were to be promulgated, the decision thereon ultimately rested with General Ludendorff. The representative of American Jewish societies who came to Germany to arrange an opening of communication between Polish Jews and relatives in America and for the sending of relief funds conferred with General von Ludendorff before the plans were approved finally.

**Leader of System.**

When Field Marshal von Hindenburg was appointed to the general command of Germany's entire military

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## TWELVE STEAMSHIPS SAIL FROM NEW YORK

All of Them Presumably Bound for European Ports.

**Two Passenger Ships Among the Number—But One of the Vessels Under American Registry—Three Steamers Arrive.**

New York, Feb. 18.—Twelve steamships, one of them flying the American flag, sailed from here today, presumably for European ports, which will necessitate their passage through the "prohibited zone" announced by Germany. Three vessels that came through the restricted area, one of which was of American registry, arrived here.

Two of the steamers departing today—the British liner Laconia, for Liverpool, and the French liner Roma for Marseilles—are passenger ships. Whether there were any Americans on board either vessel was not disclosed.

The City of Pueblo was the lone American vessel sailing today to brave the dangers of the submarine zone. Her captain, John E. Willett, is a New Yorker, and other officers—13 in all—are Americans, while the crew is composed of Russians, Norwegians, Japanese, Swedes and Scotch. The steamship is bound for Havre, France, with merchandise.

The steamer Moreni, from Mediterranean ports, was the only American vessel arriving here today.

It is expected that several American steamships will leave for the danger zone tomorrow, among them the Mongo and the Algonquin.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE GETS RIGHT-OF-WAY

Revenue and Preparedness Legislation Now Will be Given the First Consideration.

ONLY TWO WEEKS ARE LEFT

**Much Long-Pending Important Legislation Will Most Likely Have to Wait Until Next Session of Congress.**

Washington, Feb. 18.—With the end of the Sixty-fourth Congress but two weeks off, administration leaders are concentrating their energies to the enactment of revenue and National defense legislation. Much long pending general legislation every one recognizes must give way to appropriations and measures that relate to the preparation of the nation for eventualities which may grow out of the diplomatic break with Germany.

In the Senate the revenue and naval bills are to be given the right of way as soon as the espionage and anti-conspiracy bill now under consideration is out of the way. The House will pass the army appropriation bill within a few days and then devote its attention to the sundry civil and general deficiency appropriations.

What emergency legislation may be enacted before adjournment depends entirely upon the decision of the President. Many believe he will communicate to Congress within a few days his plans for handling the international crisis. The prevailing opinion is that he will ask Congress for authority to use the armed forces of the nation for the protection of American seamen and American rights on the high seas, not with the purpose of making war but to open the sea to shipping.

While awaiting the next step, whatever it may be, the Senate is determined to hasten action on the revenue bill, the naval appropriation bill amended by the naval affairs committee to carry $535,000,000, an increase of $165,000,000 over the House bill, and the army appropriation bill. In addition to these measures the shipping bill, urged by the shipping board extending the powers of the government to control commercial shipping, is of paramount interest.

Whether there will be time for passage of railroad labor legislation and other general bills in view of the congestion of essential measures is seriously doubted by leaders of both parties. It has been determined to proceed with the most urgent matters regardless of the possibility of an extra session and there is confidence that all the appropriation measures, except possibly the rivers and harbors bill can be enacted by March 4.

The Senate was in session today for eulogies to three members who died during the last session, former Senators Clarke, of Arkansas, president pro tempore; Shiveley, of Indiana, and Burleigh, of Maine.

House leaders are determined that if an extra session becomes necesary because of failure to pass legislation the fault shall not lie with them.

Majority Leader Kitchin, who insists there will be no extra session, is working well into the early hour every morning in an effort to clear the decks. The House probably could rush through all of the President's program if work

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## GOVERNOR DEBACA OF NEW MEXICO IS DEAD

Was a Democrat and Will be Succeeded by a Republican.

**Mr. Debaca Had Been Ill Since the Campaign Last Fall and His Family Had Not Moved Into the Executive Mansion.**

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 18.—Governor E. C. Debaca died this afternoon at 4 o'clock of pernicious anemia.

The end came so peacefully that for several minutes it was thought the governor merely was sleeping. With him at the time were his wife, his nurse, two sisters of charity, Archbishop J. B. Pitaval, of New Mexico, and his private secretary, Miss Clara Olson.

While going over executive business with Miss Olson the governor's respiration became so difficult she became alarmed and summoned Mrs. Debaca and the governor's physicians.

The governor's body will lie in state in the capitol before being taken to Las Vegas for burial.

W. E. Lindsey, lieutenant governor, Republican, automatically succeeds the to the executive office and occupancy of the executive mansion here, within which Governor Debaca had not set foot since his election.

Governor Debaca was the second governor the state has had. The first was William C. McDonald, who was defeated last fall for lieutenant-governor, a position then held by Governor Debaca.

When nominated, Mr. Debaca was ill and soon after his nomination he went

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## AUSTRIA WORKING TO AVERT BREACH

Officials Are Still Hoping to Maintain Friendly Relations with This Country.

PENFIELD IS GIVING AID

**Inability to More Thoroughly Exchange Views With United States Concerning U-Boats is Serious Handicap.**

Vienna, Feb. 11 (via London, Feb. 18) —Despite the fact that some of the newspapers are taking a gloomy view of Austro-American relations and the situation brought about by the severing of relations between the United States and Germany official circles in Vienna are inclined to believe that the situation is not entirely hopeless. This also is the view of Frederic C. Penfield, the American ambassador, who is doing everything possible to assist in reaching a friendly solution of the situation.

At this moment there are two indications, though possibly they are of little weight, which permit of the conclusion that Washington is not contemplating an immediate break with Austria-Hungary. One is the transfer to the embassy here of Joseph C. Grew, former secretary of the embassy in Berlin, who arrived here tonight from Switzerland to assume the duties of counsellor of the embassy.

The second indication arises from the fact that Secretary of State Lansing yesterday wired here on behalf of various Hebrew charity organizations the sum of $250,000, the amount having been donated by American Hebrew societies. At the embassy here the opinion was expressed that the United States government might not have transferred this sum had a break between Washington and Vienna been even tentatively decided on.

At the foreign office no conjectures are indulged in regarding what the near future may bring. The fact that the two governments are unable to communicate their views more freely than the present conditions permit has made the exchange of opinions slow and unsatisfactory.

The Associated Press is able to say that the Austro-Hungarian government, as a result, remains in almost total ignorance of what measures are needed in order to meet the views of President Wilson and his cabinet. The impression here is that in Washington it is believed the dual monarchy will recede from the position taken jointly with Germany regarding submarine warfare.

The feeling here, however, is that while the Austro-Hungarian government might consider small modifications of the new blockade regulations, as Germany has done in the case of Holland, there is not the slightest chance that it will yield in the least, so far as the principle involved is concerned.

Meanwhile, it is said the government is ever ready to listen to some proposition from Washington, provided it does not affect in any form the submarine warfare as it is directed against the Entente states and the imports from neutral countries to these states.

There seems to be no doubt that official circles and the entire public have become thoroughly reconciled to the step the dual monarchy has taken jointly with Germany and that the Austro-Hungarian government has been ready to accept all responsibility for its at-

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## PROBABLY PLANNING ATTACK ON SANTIAGO

Cuban Government Forces Capture Ciego DeAvila

**President Menocal Postpones Partial Elections In Oriente Province—U. S. Supply Ship Dixie Reaches Havana.**

Havana, Feb. 18.—Sunday passed quietly as far as revolutionary activities were concerned, only a few minor brushes between rebels and government forces being reported from isolated places.

With Ciego De Avila in its hands and communication with that point reestablished, the government probably is concentrating its forces for an attack on Santiago De Cuba which city is still in the hands of the rebels. General Dios and General Ramos at Manzanillo with 2,000 men, and General Cebreco at Baracoa, with a strong force, are preparing to march against the capitol of Oriente province.

The partial elections, which were scheduled to be held in Oriente February 20 and which, it was expected, would settle the long drawn out dispute as to whether President Menocal was to serve another four years as prisoner, or step aside for Alfredo Zayas, liberal presidential candidate, will not be held in that date, the president by special decree having suspended them. A new date for these partial re-elections will have to be fixed by the provincial electoral board.

The American supply ship Dixie came into port this morning from Guantanamo, but she carried no marines and

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### *Starvation Forced Upon the Greeks By Blockade of Allies*

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Greek legation in a statement issued here today says famine is resulting from the entente blockade of the coast of Greece and the poor clases are living on herbs and grass. It also declares that despite compliance with the ultimatum of the allies, there has been no relaxation of blockade measures. The statement follows:

"The Greek legation has received information to the effect that the results of the blockade of the Greek coasts enforced by the entente allies since December 8 are of the most gruesome character.

"Ten deaths from starvation have been reported from the province of Jannina, one at Laurium, ten in Acarnania, two in the province of Preveza, one in Eubis and one in Messinia. The poor classes have begun to live on herbs and grass. The epidemics of enteritis and dysenteria are rapidly spreading in the country.

"Notwithstanding the complete execution of the allies' ultimatum no relaxation of the blockade has been brought about. Numbers of fishing boats are constantly sunk or sequestred by the ships enforcing the blockade. Coasting trade between ports of the kingdom is completely prohibited."

## FLETCHER NOW AT MEXICAN CAPITAL

American Envoy Expresses Appreciation for Courtesy Shown Him on His Journey

HAS VILLA GONE TO JAPAN?

**Whereabouts of the Bandit Chieftain For the Past Six Weeks Unknown. Salazar Being Pursued by Defacto Troops.**

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—The American ambassador, Henry P. Fletcher, arrived here late last night. He was met by officials from the Mexican foreign office, members of General Carranza's staff, and a big delegation of government officials headed by a military escort.

Ambassador Fletcher expressed his appreciation of the courtesies shown him on his journey through Mexico.

**OFFICIALS HAD HEARD THAT VILLA HAD GONE TO JAPAN**

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 18.—Eduardo Soriano Bravo, Mexican consul, tonight declared Carranza officials here and in Juarez had heard several days ago that Villa had embarked in disguise for Japan on a political mission.

"Villa has not been accounted for since he went to Parral about six weeks ago," said the consul. "However, we are inclined to doubt the story that he has gone to Japan. That may have been invented to account for his absence. It is believed more likely that he is in hiding in the mountains either to try to reorganize his bands there, or because he is sick or wounded."

Consul Bravo said he heard that the rail on the Corner Ranch was used by Salazar as a diversion in order to smuggle ammunition over the border.

**SALAZAR REPORTED MOVING WESTWARD FROM OJITOS**

Columbus, N. M., Feb. 18.—Jose Ynez Salazar with forces estimated at about 500 men is reported to be moving westward from Ojitos, army officers said here tonight. Advices also were received from Hachita that a bondy of Carranza cavalry were south of Lang's ranch, near Corner Ranch, and was moving westward against Salazar.

**GERMANY ACTED PROMPTLY IN RELEASING AMERICANS**

**As Soon at Status of Germans in America Was Officially Reported**

Berlin, Feb. 18, (via Sayville).—After it had become known in Berlin through the official communication of the Swiss minister here, says the Overseas News Agency, that the American government had neither confiscated German ships nor had made prisoner the crews of the German ships—as originally had been reported in Europe by a news agency dispatch—the German government immediately ordered the release of the Americans brought to Germany on the steamship Yarrowdale and asked the Spanish ambassador, Polo De Bernade, to inform the American government officially at Washington.

**SMALL SCHOONER STOLEN**

**Secretly Departed Into the Gulf of Mexico From Pensacola**

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 18.—Word was received here today that the fifty-ton schooner Galatea had been stolen from her owners at Pensacola, and has secretly departed into the Gulf. It is reported that the vessel was filled with war supplies for the Cuban revolutionists, while another theory is that she is to get into communication with German submarines which are reported to have been sighted near the Cuban coast.

It was stated that orders have been sent broadcast to United States vessels and land authorities to apprehend the boat.

## LEGISLATURE HAS TWO WEEKS LEFT

Leaders Feel Certain Work Can be Cleared Up in Time to Adjourn March 3 or 5.

PROGRESS ON REVENUE BILL

**Will Pass the House Today—Machinery Bill to Be Speeded Up—Usual Fish Fight Will Develop During Week.**

By W. J. MARTIN

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—With just two more weeks of the constitutional sixty-day period of legislation with pay remaining, the leaders in the General Assembly are sure that the work will be cleared up practically on time and that final adjournment for the session will come Saturday, March 3, or Monday, March 5.

The Revenue bill will be passed on final reading in the House tomorrow and will be sent directly to the Senate, probably without engrossment, since very few amendments have been made in the original bill which in turn is practically the act in operation the past two years. Chairman Doughton, of the Finance Committee, expects to have the Machinery bill, the companion measure to the Revenue bill, ready to be introduced in the House Tuesday. This will be passed without roll call or separate day reading and will not take anything like as much time as even the Revenue bill has taken. There are few changes in this.

**Quarterly Tax Settlement**

One of the biggest changes is a requirement that all license and franchise taxes must be paid in advance. That is, the big volume of these taxes will, under the proposed change, come in May instead of in the late fall. Also, there is a requirement that the sheriffs must make quarterly settlements with the State Treasurer instead of the annual settlements heretofore in vogue.

The Senate has passed a bill to have the Corporation Commission maintain a corps of special examiners to audit the books of the county officers. House leaders are not so strong on this bill and the probability is that it will fail to pass.

**Fight Over Judicial Districts.**

One of the most important and far reaching measures that is pending and will have to be disposed of before adjournment is the bill by Senator Warren that has passed the Senate to divide the State into two Judicial circuits and twenty-four districts instead of twenty and provide for four additional judges, each of the twenty-four judges to take his turn in connection with rotation, as an emergency judge, two to be on duty as such all the time. This bill is being opposed strenuously in the House by such leaders as Doughton and Ray of Macon.

The opposition is insisting that such an increase in the Judicial Districts is not needed nor is it practical. They contend that if the bill were passed in its present from, it would be necessary to proceed straightway at this session to redistrict the State and that this would be a most impossible thing to do on an equitable and satisfactory basis anything like within the time that remains for the Legislature to complete its work. It appears that about all the House will agree to do will be to adopt a substitute bill for placing two emergency judges at the disposal of the Governor to relieve the situation now complained of and even this, numbers of leaders, like Ray of Macon, will contend is not needed since there were nearly 250 weeks of court not utilized in the State by the twenty judges.

**Fish Bill Up This Week.**

The usual fish fight will develop the coming week, since the bills representing the contending interests have just been turned into the legislative hopper. The McNider bill in the Senate represents the fisheries interests that are satisfied with the administration of the State fish commission, the past two years, it merely amending and adjusting the present regulations as the experience of the Commission has demonstrated will be more advantageous. On the other hand the Grant bill in the House proposes an entirely new fish commission the members to be nominated by the representatives from the counties that are actively interested in fishing and the commissioners named to be, themselves, experienced and interested in fishing interests.

**SWITZERLAND WOULD TAKE UP BELGIAN RELIEF WORK**

**Steps Taken to Replace Americans, Should They Withdraw.**

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 18, (via Paris).—The Swiss federal council has proposed that leading Swiss citizens be ready to continue the Belgian and French relief work if the American relief commission retires from Belgium and northern France.

Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 18.—It is officially announced that the Swiss government has decided to begin overtures with interested states concerning the feeling of the people in the occupied portions of Belgium and northern France. It is proposed to replace Americans of the Belgian relief commission by Swiss citizens if the Americans should withdraw from the occupied zones. Negotiations with Spain with this object in view are in progress.

**M. H. Dooley Dead**

Washington, Feb. 18.—M. H. Dooley, aged 70, chief claim agent for the Southern Railway and widely known in railroad circles, died at his home here today after three days' illness from acute indigestion Burial will be Wednesday at his former home in Knoxville, Tenn.

# UNIVERSITY Y. M. C. A. DOING A GREAT WORK

**Field Extends From Orange County to Hanchow, China.**

**Practically Every Phase of Chapel Hill Student Life Touched By the Activities of the Young Men's Organization.**

(Special Star Correspondence)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 18.—"With a field ranging from the campus and Carrboro to Hanchow, China, the student Y. M. C. A. of the University of North Carolina is doing a work equal to the extent of its territory. Every phase of the University's life is being touched by the Y. M. C. A.'s activities. Even the ignorant negro of Carrboro as well as the "heathen Chinee" across the ocean is being cared for and coaxed to higher plains of living." In this way begins a report of what the University student organization is now doing.

The paid membership of the association is now 179; however, practically the entire student body comes under the influence of the work. The faculty also contributes each year to the general support. Among other enterprises, the Y. M. C. A. is pledged to give $500 each year for the support of Eugene Barnett, its missionary in Hanchow, China.

The work of the Y. M. C. A., under the general direction of Secretary Francis F. Bradshaw, covers a wide field. In addition to the mission department, there are departments which look after the following matters: lost and found articles, the book exchange, self-help, the colored Y. M. C. A., Knights of the Campus, Bible Study, and Educational. Up to the beginning of the holidays, the book exchange had sold $445 worth of second-hand books for students. A ten per cent commission is charged for handling.

The Self-Help Department is concerned with finding odd jobs for men who want them, and also men for odd jobs. During the fall 28 different men were aided by such jobs and the resulting earnings amounted to $250. Both faculty and townspeople cooperate in assisting this work by offering opportunities in gardening, firing furnaces, cutting wood, milking, etc. Furthermore, the work has appealed to many students.

The work with the colored Y. M. C. A. has proved one of the most interesting of all. Last fall a distinguished visitor from New York spent two evenings with the boys to get some idea of what was done and how. The students hold night school for the negroes three nights in the week during the cold season, and will increase the time given to every night when the spring begins. The negroes have secured a comfortable, well lighted building now, and conduct their own meetings. They also keep up the building as a home and run the organization themselves.

A new organization, known as the Knights of King Arthur, came into being last spring. This is for the smaller boys, ages 8 to 13, of the neighborhood. There have been 17 members and these are interested with meetings for story telling, hikes, baseball, etc. J. A. Capps has had charge of the Bible department this year. Nineteen study groups were organized in the fall, and with one or two exceptions these are meeting each Sunday at 12:30 with over 200 men in attendance upon the meetings. The Bible study work will be reorganized soon, and new subjects will be introduced. The rural lyceum conducted by the Y. M. C. A. for four weeks last fall in seven communities around Chapel Hill was another new undertaking that met with much success and will be repeated. The work is largely done by the upper clasmen, assisted by members of the faculty and townspeople.

### JUDGE W. H. HARDY DIES AT HIS HOME AT GULFPORT, MISS.

Gulfport, Miss., Feb. 18.—Judge W. H. Hardy, promoter, lawyer and known as "the father of Gulfport," died at his home here today ,aged 80. Judge Hardy was credited with having conceived and promoted the New Orleans and Northwestern Railroad from Meridian, Miss., to New Orleans, the causeway across Lake Pontchartrain and the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad from Hattiesburg to Gulfport. He served during the War Between the States in the Sixteenth Mississippi regiment and after the war was for many years a circuit judge.


# QUIT MEAT WHEN KIDNEYS BOTHER

**Take a Glass of Salts Before Breakfast if Your Back Hurts or Bladder is Troubling You.**

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

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# GERMAN CIVIL SERVICE LAW HARD TO ENFORCE

**Many Oppose Idea of Being Transferred From Their Homes.**

**However, All Indications Are That the Empire Will Eventually Adjust Itself to the Conditions of the Measure.**

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 18. — (Staff correspondence of The Associated Press) —All indications are that Germany eventually will adjust herself to the conditions brought about by the civil service law, passed last fall. The German war bureau reports that it has had unexpected success and points to the huge number of applications for employment received from all classes of the population which seemingly are anxious to serve the Fatherland in a civil capacity.

On the basis of returns up to the present, the number of youths who have applied for work of any kind has been so large that the authorities have not been able to avoid the conclusion that the school boys deliberately are attempting to evade their studies by offering their services to the government. The boys know that they are not yet liable to be called into military service.

Many who have applied for employment, it is believed, have done so in the hope that they may evade military duty. These generally are men who have been found unfit for service at the front, but who hope to avoid assignment to uncongenial tasks in garrison work.

Opposition to the civil service plan has developed from men who are more than military age, and who have been comfortably settled in their own homes and active at their particular trade, and who oppose to the utmost any proposition to dislodge them and to transport them to districts where they would be more available than at home.

Although the government has taken pains to provide for such cases by separate pay for disabilities in the event of separation and by sick benefit insurance and pensions, the under current of opposition has increased rather than decreased. The large number of women applicants for civil duty has not been an unmixed benefit since women employees in regular male occupations have not proved able satisfactorily, it is said, to do men's work, and notwithstanding their best efforts are much inferior to the former male help.

The civil service soon after its announcement was a literal bugaboo, which has faded into the background to some extent as the employers and employees have discovered that at present the intention does not exist to mobilize immediately everybody.

The compulsory service which originally had been planned for this month at the latest has been repeatedly delayed because the German government apparently wants to resort to this measure only when it becomes absolutely necessary. It is improbable, in the opinion of well informed Germans, that the next few weeks will see anything more than a gradual influx of civil workers.

It is possible, if not probable, that a continuance of the war will mean socialization of business in Germany, the closing of all but the most necessary businesses and the mobilization of all efforts in a determination to ward off what Germany believes are efforts to dismember that country and its allies.

### ZAHN CLEARED OF BLAME FOR KILLING OF ANDERSON

**Coroner Investigates Triple Tragedy at Atlanta Saturday Night.**

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 18. — W. J. Zahn today was absolved by Coroner Paul Donehoo from blame for the killing of H. Claude Anderson, whom Zahn shot to death after Anderson had killed the Rev. G. R. Buford, pastor of the Moore Memorial church, and Mrs. M. Zahn, mother of Mrs. Anderson. The shooting affray followed Anderson's visit to the Zahn home to effect a reconciliation with his wife.

The only inquest held today was over the killing of the minister, for which Anderson was formally blamed. Coroner Donehoo said evidence brought out showed that Anderson was "crazy drunk" when he went to the Zahn home.

Mrs. Anderson had been making her home ith her mother and brother, since separation from Anderson, who recently was released from the state insane asylum. She escaped injury last night, but in addition to killing Mrs. M. Zahn, Anderson slightly wounded Mrs. W. J. Zahn. One of the women screamed, and Mr. Buford, who, with his wife, was passing the house, rushed in, only to be shot to death. Before police arrived, W. J. Zahn had come from his automobile repair shop across the street and killed Anderson. The police, it also was said, contemplated no action against Zahn.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE GET'S RIGHT-OF-WAY

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in the Senate was equally far advanced.

The tentative program for this week includes discussion of the Danish West Indies bill, which, it is hoped, may be passed tomorrow, and passage of the army military academy and sundry civil appropriation bills. The army bill, carrying an appropriation of $247,000,000, probably will be passed Tuesday.

Members on both sides of the House are conferring over the outlok for party control. A Republican committee will meet Thursday night to appoint a sub-committee to consider and report regarding the question of a committee on committees, a steering committee and other revisions of the rules as part of the Republican plans for the next House.

Prohibition legislation may crop out at any time. The postoffice appropriation bill, with its Senate amendment for "bone dry" prohibition, may be called up in the House Tuesday. When the committee moves for non-currence several members, including Representative Randall, of California, Prohibitionist, will move to concur in an effort to put the prohibition issue squarely before the House.

Members of the rules committee, who have been conducting the "leak" inquiry, will meet in executive session tomorrow to discuss making a final report, which probably will be made to the House before the end of the week.

### LUDENDORFF REAL "BOSS" OF GERMANY

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strength, General von Ludendorff extended not only the scope of his military responsibilities but also his contro of those factors of general life which under the present war conditions are almost as important to military success as the actual direction of armies—food production and distribution, manufactures, transportation and other social and industrial factors. His first decision was to remedy as far as possible the error of General Falkenhayn, former chief of the general staff, who had attempted to fix the figure for the maximum consumption of munitions and had sadly under-estimated the required amount. General von Ludendorff's determination was to produce not the amount of guns and munitions which experts might calculate as necessary, but the maximum amount of which Germany's industries were capable of and subordinated everything else to this purpose. Finally came Germany's grandiose scheme of mobilizing the entire labor supply in direct service the army. The idea of the compulsory employment of Belgian labor in German industry, it now may be stated, also was General Ludendorff's, not Governor-General von Bissing's, or at any rate, when Governor-General von Bissing and the civil administration of Belgium raised against this scheme the impossibility of carrying it out without exciting diplomatic complication, it was "the higher military authority" which overruled the objection.

**Seek Ludendorff's Advice**

The Krupps, August Thyssen ,the iron magnate, and other big industrial leaders of Germany, go direct to General von Ludendorff for consultations and directions regarding the production of munitions and supplies. Thyssen last autumn brought from von Ludendorff the word that there would be no ruthless submarine warfare which the Associated Press sent in an interview to the American press, and it was again from the chateau at Pless, after the rejection of Germany's peace overtures had changed the situation, that word came in January that the ruthless submarine policy had received the stamp of approval.

It is an open secret that the farming classes are "holding out" food supplies from the general stock for the nation's necessities. The "Von Hindenburg appeal" to the patriotism of the farmers to provide extra fats for munition workers which brought out tons of pork and lard from hidden supplies was inspired by General von Ludendorff. It was reported that the time of departure from Berlin of the correspondent of the Associated Press that the task of getting from the farmers the full amount of such agrarian surplusage, in which von Batocki's food department, backed by all the authority of the civil administration, has failed up to this time, now will be taken in hand by General von Ludendorff, and enforced by the most stringent military measures. All these decisions and determinations, of course, are covered by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's name and authority, but the field marshal leaves such non-military problems almost exclusively in the hands of von Ludendorff—the man who, as far as that is possible, is the dictator of Germany.

### NUMBER MINERS KILLED IN 1916 LOWEST IN TEN YEARS

**Safety First Movement of Bureau of Mines Saved Countless Lives.**

Washington, Feb. 18.—Fewer men lost their lives in American coal mines during 1916 than in any year of the last ten, although the year was the most prosperous in the history of mining, with more men employed and a greater tonnage taken from the earth than ever before.

The army of mine workers numbered over three quarters of a million. Three and three tenths of each thousand were killed by accident, the lowest death rate in 18 years and the lowest on record per ton of coal mined. The number killed was 2,225, which is 44 less than in 1915, 229 less than in 1914 and 560 less than in 1913. There were 65,000,000 more tons of coal mined in 1915.

A statement today by Van H. Manning, director of the bureau of mines, says if the same conditions had prevailed in 1916 as in 1915 in regard to the tonnage of each life lost, there would have been at least 275 more men killed. Mr. Manning adds:

"The safety first movement fostered by the Bureau of mines from an isolated, sporadic effort until it has become a great National asset, is responsible for the stopping and turning back of a record of deaths that had become a great American crime. It is venturesome to suggest what might have happened without the safety first movement, but I believe I am conservative in saying that at least 5,000 miners are today alive and happy with their families, who otherwise would have been in their graves."

### GOVERNOR DEBACA OF NEW MEXICO IS DEAD

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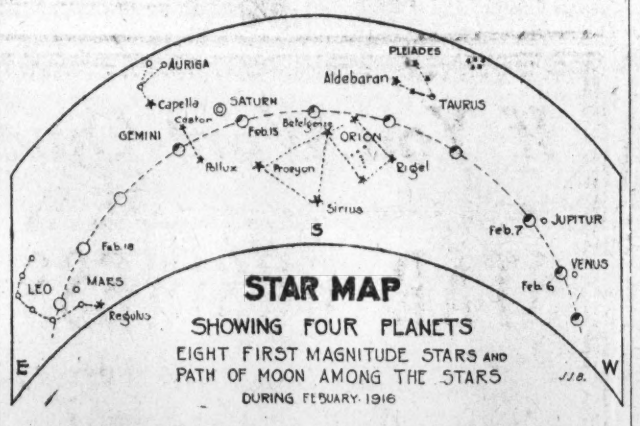
to Los Angeles to a sanitarium. Although his physicians warned him that he might lose his life if he returned to New Mexico to take the executive oath, he declared he would go if he had to be carried to Santa Fe on a stretcher.

Blood transfusion brought improvement in his condition, however, and he traveled to the New Mexico capital without serious result. From the train he was taken to a sanitarium and in his room there he was sworn in. After the legislature met, early this month, he took personal charge of a considerable portion of the executive duties.

Governor Debaca was a native New Mexican, born in Las Vegas, November 1, 1864. He was for many years editor of an influential Spanish paper, La Voz De Publica, issued at Las Vegas.

# ASTRONOMY

**For Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls a nd School Children by John J. Blair.**




The remaining nights during the month of February will be most favorable for observing the stars and planets, especially the nights from the 20th to the 28th, because there will be no moon to obscure the brilliancy of the stars.

One year ago, a star map was published which is reproduced in this issue of the paper in order that comparisons may be made as to the relative location of planets as they appear at the present time.

First of all, it will be noted that Saturn has moved down to a point directly in line with Castor and Pollox, immediately below these two stars. This planet makes its complete revolution around the sun about once in thirty years, so that its movement through the sky is very slow. On St. Valentine's Day, a year ago, Jupiter and Saturn were very near together, while tonight Jupiter has moved far over toward the west and appears as the most conspicuous and brilliant object in the western heavens. Those of the young astronomers of Wilmington who made observation of the satellites of Jupiter during November and December, recall that three of his moons were plainly visible. The observatory of the high school will be open during the present week for making an especial observation of Saturn, which is the most beautiful of all the planets, and most gorgeously attended, having ten well defined satellites, four of which are plainly visible through our high school telescope. The observer will find a series of rings extending around the disk of the planet like the brim of a hat. These rings are thought to be composed of innumerable particles of matter revolving rapidly around the main body of the orb itself.

Venus, which was visible a year ago, now appears as morning star; rising and appearing with wonderful brilliancy in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

Mars, in its journey around the sun, is no longer visible, having passed out of sight below the eastern horizon.

The new moon will be visible as a thin crescent on the evening of the 21st, and its path through the heavens will be followed with much interest and the comparison made with its path as shown on the accompanying map.

Ursa Major, commonly known as the Big Dipper, appears to splendid advantage in the northern sky, with its handle points toward the earth. After 10 o'clock in the evening, Arcturus appears in a direct line with the handle of the dipper.

In the current number of "Popular Science" monthly, two pages are devoted to a description of the planet Saturn. A quotation from the article is as follows:

"In the entire visible universe there is no body so beautiful as Saturn and its marvelous system of rings and planets, but the splendor of Saturn was revealed only to modern times. He became magnificent object only after the telescope was invented, for to the naked eye he appears only as a star of the first magnitude. A year on Saturn is equivalent to 29 1-2 of our years, but his day is only ten hours and 14 minutes long. It must not be supposed from this that Saturn is slow; in a single second he covers nearly six miles, and has a velocity greater than that of a rifle bullet. The first man who ever made a study of Saturn through a telescope was Galileo. He could hardly believe his eyes when he saw the planet through his feeble instrument. The three rings together make a total of 40,000 miles. Saturn has ten moons. The largest of these is Titan which has a diameter of 2,484 miles. Their names in the order in which they are to be found outwardly from the planet are Minas, Enzeladus, Tethys, Dione, Thea, Titan, Themis, Typerion, Japetus and Phoebe. Two of the moons are so small that they cannot be seen through the telescope at all. Only on the photographic plate are they visible."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In presenting for all of the coming week beginning this afternoon with matinee, Morrie Streeter's Musical Comedy Company, the Royal management is satisfied that its patrons will have still another week of the biggest and best class of attractions of the entire season, and they are confident that they can place their personal guarantee behind this organization without risk.

Mr. Streeter, a musical comedy manager of many years of experience, has the best show of his entire career this season. Mr. Streeter writes and stages all his own plays and will present only original plays that have never been seen in Wilmington before, with new and novel plots and comedy roles of uniqueness and much laugh-provoking qualities.

The Streeter Musical Comedy Company, one of the best known in the South, carries all special scenery for every bill they present, which in itself adds much to the way a show goes over. Novel and unique to say the least, is the scenic equipment of this company, and they also present some nifty electrical effects.

One of the best dressed and best trained choruses on the road, composed of six good looking girls, is another feature of this company. Among the big specialty acts is noted Carl Wallner, the whistling phenom, who has been seen in Wilmington before in vaudeville; the Carlyles, dancers who are different; Tommy Wilson in song and dance and Blanche Bryan, the pleasing prima donna.

The opening bill is "The Land of Joy," an original mythical musical absurdity written and staged by Mr. Streeter, with some of the most beautiful scenery of the entire season. Tommy Wilson will present "The Chicken Reel," an eccentric song and dance number in today's show.

Today and tomorrow the picture is the third big chapter of "The Crimson Stain Mystery."

**"Great Expectations"—Grand.**

The Paramount attraction at the Grand today is a marvelous adaptation of Charles Dickens' wonderful work, "Great Expectations," starring beautiful Louise Huff with Jack Pickford.

Though, from a chronological standpoint, it is quite a backward step from Tarkington to Dickens, the success which these two youthful stars have had in incarnating the Twentieth Century author's characters on the screen justifies a prediction that they will be equally successful in interpreting the personalities which the genius of Dickens has made so real. Rogert G. Vignola, who directed "Seventeen," presided over the adaptation of "Great Expectations." Among those who appear in support of Miss Huff and Jack Pickford are Frank Losee, Marcia Harris, Grace Barton, Herbert Prior and W. W. Black.

The story of "Great Expectations" details the thrilling adventures of "Pip," a young orphan who is brought up in the home of his brother-in-law, a blacksmith. He encounters an escaped criminal, Provis, while trying to elude his sister's wrath, and is forced to obtain food and a file to assist the criminal is furthering his escape. Provis is captured and the boy is in terror until the convict shields him with a lie.

Pip's adventures at the hands of Miss Havisham, his love affair with the delightful Estella, the mysterious legacy which makes him independent, and the final shocking discovery of the source of his wealth are all factors in this absorbing story, set in the romantic atmosphere of which Dickens drew such sweeping pen pictures.

**"The Purple Mask" at Bijou**

The third chapter of "The Purple Mask," heading today's bill at the Bijou, is guaranteed to be fuller of thrills than any two reels of motion pictures you ever saw in all your life.

In the last episode, Detective Kelly was just about to arrest Pat for the robbery of the pearls in the cafe. The detective ordered the whole company to be searched, and we were somewhat apprehensive, for we felt sure that Pat was responsible for the theft. This episode is concerned with her clever outwitting of Phil, and the result of her ability. The Apaches hear of her great dexterity and nerve from Silk Donahue and the butler, who have helped her engineer the deal. They decide to crown her queen of the underworld. The episode gives Miss Cunard an opportunity to appear in two absolutely different styles of dress, first a smart and becoming evening gown, and later in another costume, equally becoming but quite startling. It consists of little more than a blouse and a pair of black tights.

Other big features that will pack 'em in today consists of a great Nestor scream, "Why, Uncle," and an Imp drama, "Diamonds of Destiny," starring the beautiful Bluebird star, Louise Lovely.

**"The Foolish Virgin"**

The final pre-Lenten attraction at the Victoria is the presentation today and tomorrow of Clara Kimball Young, in a marvelous film version of Thomas Dixon's vital and gripping novel, "The Foolish Virgin."

This production is expected to prove a worthy successor to Miss Young's first venture at the head of her own producing company, "The Common Law," the story offering even greater opportunities in intense dramatic situations than did Robert W. Chambers' novel.

In "The Foolish Virgin" Miss Young will be seen in the role of the girl whose ideas of life are confused with the romantic stories of the days of chivalry which she is fond of reading. Knowing nothing of realities, the heroine is deceived into marrying a man who turns out to be a criminal. The girl exerts her influence towards the redemption of the man she loves and it is during this process of character building that the tense dramatic scenes in which the story abounds develop.

As in "The Common Law," Miss Young has been aided in making the production a splendid example of motion picture art by the masterly direction of Albert Capellani, her director-general, and the presence of a superlative cast of immensely popular motion picture players. Conway Tearle, who made such a decided hit in the role opposite Miss Young in "The Common Law," will be seen to particular advantage in the leading male part of the new production and Paul Capellani, who has been seen in a number of Miss Young's greatest pictures, also has a strong role.

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG
In Thomas Dixon's "The Foolish Virgin," at the Victoria Today and Tomorrow

## GOVERNOR BICKETT IS TO MAKE ADDRESS AT TRINITY

**Will Speak at Meeting of Tri-State Medical Association.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, Feb. 18.—Everything is in readiness for Governor T. W. Bickett, who will deliver an address here next Wednesday evening in Craven Memorial Hall. Governor Bickett comes on the urgent invitation of the college authorities and the local committee on arrangements for the meeting of he Tri-State Medical Association which will be in session Durham at that time. The college celebrates February 22 every year with a suspension of all college duties during the day and an address in the evening by some prominent leader in public life. The address this year will be given by Governor Bickett on the night of the 21st instead of the 22nd, and at the same time Dr. J. A. Hodges, of Virginia, president of the Tri-State Medical Association, will give an address.

Grace Cunard and Francis Ford in "The Purple Mask" at the Bijou Today.

## LENOIR WANTS TO STAY IN CLAUDE KITCHIN'S DOMAIN

**Movement to Annex County to Third District Likely to Raise a Howl.**

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 18.—There will be a howl 'n Lenoir county when "the folks" learn of a reported sub-surface movement to annex the county to the Third congressional district, say men returning here today from Raleigh. The news was a political sensation on Queen street. Persons of influence in the Third are seriously entertaining such an attempt, declare the local men. They fear, and some of them admittedly anticipate, that the Legislature will be asked to make the change. The conveyors of the report to this city are some of the Second district's leading politicians. "Why should we want to shift?" is the question that will be put to the local public in the event the annexation proposition puts its head out of its shell. "Here we've got a first rate representative in Claude Kitchin. We share in the glory of proprietorship of the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of the really, truly big men in Congress. Why should we give up the pleasure of claiming an honest-to-goodness celebrity to help elect a third-rate congressman?" Several who have just made the pilgrimmage to the State's posomething to it; certainly there is. And a handful of shrewd ones are harboring the notion. But their's is a lost cause. Supporters of Kitchin here say Lenoir enjoys an enviable prestige in the Second district, that Kinston is the largest town wholly within it, and that the overwhelming majorities given the floor leader by Lenoir Democrats in the last primary and election proved the fondness of the county for the Halifax man. Against this, assert the Kitchinites, "there is not one valid reason for swapping horses.' When the voters of the county "get next," they say, there will be "some cutting up," and the echoes "will carry to Goldsboro and beyond."

## BUILDING NEW CHURCH

**To Replace One Destroyed By Fire at Long Creek.**

(Special Star Correspondence)

Currie, N. C., Feb. 18.—The Long Creek Baptist church building, in the vicinity of Currie, is now in course of construction. The new building will replace the one that was destroyed by fire some months ago. The new building will be a considerable improvement over the one that was burned. When completed it will be one of the most commodious church buildings in that section. Rev. A. D. Carter is now filling his sixth year of pastoral work with the church. He and the membership of the church, with their friends who kindly contribute to this worthy cause, are endeavoring to complete their new house of worship at the earliest possible date. Long Creek church is one of the oldest and most prominent country churches in the Wilmington Baptist Association.

**Housebreakers Active**

Kinston N. C., Feb. 18.—No less than five housebreakings have occurred here this week. The police today are investigating the theft of $20 from the home of Raymond Duncan, an engineer, and between $8 and $10 from the residence of C. J. O'Quinn, a barber. Nearly all the robberies occurred in the evening before 9 o'clock. Youthful white thieves are suspected. All the places robbed are in North Kinston.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 18.—Arthur Nehf, pitcher with the Boston Braves of the National League, has refused to sign the contract sent him and calling for a big cut in salary, declaring that he will quit the game.

## HANDSOME DONATION IS MADE

**Mr. James Sprunt Sends Mission Station in China $11,000 to be Used For Needed Equipment.**

A donation of $11,000 to be used in the purchase of equipment for the mission station at Kiang-yin, China, which is supported entirely by the First Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, has been made by Mr. James Sprunt, a member of the church, according to the weekly church paper. This gift was made in response to a request for assistance and will be used for the following purposes:

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| James Sprunt Academy equipment | $1,000 |
| Luola Murchison Sprunt Academy equipment | 1,000 |
| Boys Academy Athletic Field | 500 |
| Land needed for the two schools | 500 |
| Land needed for the hospital | 500 |
| Wall for the hospital land | 500 |
| Quarters for male nurses and enlarging domitory and operating section | 150 |
| Tank for Allison House | 150 |
| City chapel | 1,500 |
| North Gate Chapel | 1,500 |
| Country chapels | 500 |
| Addition to Ladies' Home | 1,000 |
| School principal and English teacher | 650 |
| Electric installment | 1,550 |
| Total | $11,000 |

## ANY HOW, IT PROVES THAT ADVERTISING IS WORTH WHILE

**Theatrical Man Wanted Six Negroes But a Whole "Company" Applied**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 18.—Dan Michalove, manager of the Auditorium, had the time of his young life here Saturday morning, trying to convince half the male colored population of Asheville that he was not seeking a whole company of "midnight blondes." Mr. Michalove's trouble came about through a request of a theatrical man who passed through here recently and heard a group of negroes playing "Memphis Blues" on harmonicas. The theatrical man wrote back to Mr. Michalove, asking his to obtain the names of the six negroes that rendered the "Blues," so exectively, stating that he wished to use them in a revue he is planning. Mr. Mr. Michalove confided his troubles to a reported, the reported wrote a story regarding the desire to interview the negroes, and Mr. Michalove found out this morning that over fifty per cent. of the negro male population of Asheville can play a harmonica. He is waiting for the theatrical man to return and make his own selections.

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### TOP O' THE MORNING.

**We call gratitude a grace because it is so gracious, and because it renders the thankful person so graceful, so beautiful.—SELECTED**

Contrariwise may not be wise at all.

"All is lost save my thirst," says the bad actor.

General Salazar is about as mean as any Sallie Czar.

Nobody is doing much these days to keep us out of the war—unless Wilson is.

It is to be hoped there are plenty of seed "praties" in this part of the country.

This is a time when it is best to prepare for the worst. Raise plenty to eat and then some.

Don't laugh at what other people do, for it may turn out that they are doing things that will do you.

There is nothing worth while in a clean sweep if it is accomplished by by means of a dirty deal.

New York looks well to the South for business and the South looks well to New York for business.

Something is always breaking out somewhere. How are we ever to keep some men from starting trouble?

South Carolina proposes to raise mules, but her main suit heretofore has been to devote more attention to "kitties."

The Russian duma announces: "The end of the war is in sight." We fear that it's the end that is coming in our direction.

Many of the women in large cities have readily adopted overalls and soon it will be either the fad or the fashion everywhere.

President Wilson wants Congress to leave it to him, when it leaves Washington, but the Republicans in Congress seem to fear that he is not too proud to fight.

Lots of us have long waited for our ship to come in. Maybe it was Hardship, so if it has been torpedoed without warning we are not without our luck,

Partisan politics is what ails Cuba. That is what is the matter with the United States. Somehow or other people let the politicians set them by the ears.

Lots of fellows shoot off their mouths as if they would just as lief shoot as not, but Mark Twain said that the fellows who used to do so were more than apt to shoot around the corner when Alkali Ike began to heave in sight.

Somebody has calculated that the world's supply of gasoline will be exhausted in 130 years. In all probability, however, 130 years from now the people will laugh at us for not knowing the secrets of science as they will be revealed during the century and a half to come. Anyhow, if we were to use our alcohol output industrially instead of tanking up on it we could be independent of gasoline at this time.

Complicated is no word for the condition in which the whole world finds itself today. Modern progress seems to have brought all the world's people into close contact. Different peoples, speaking different languages, possessing different ethics, different ideals, different methods and different aspirations have come into very close contact. They don't understand each other. What some people think is absolutely correct, according to their point of view, makes other people sick. Any attempt to force our ideals on other folks makes them mad.

### THE EXCESS PROFITS TAX

In a time of abnormal expenditures for national defense, Congress has been at a loss how to raise the needed revenues—especially that $368,000,000 for preparedness. The Democrats in looking around for something to tax decided to put a tax on excess profits. That has stirred up strong opposition in financial centers, and as a matter of fact the opposition seems to have spread to commercial centers generally. In New York the excess profit tax is bitterly criticised, and concerning it the New York Financial and Commercial Chronicle says:

"The Senate Democratic caucus amendment making the "excess profits" tax expire by limitation in four years, brings clearly before the country the "last resort" nature of this method of raising revenue. Apparently the House felt no such compunction. We travel far and fast in these days of war and rumors of war from the simple ideas of the founders of the government that any tax, however equitably levied upon the people, is a burden and not a benefit.

"Living under a dual form of government, and with fifty per cent. of the population in cities and towns having special municipal needs, the array of taxes is truly bewildering, if not amazing and appalling. Privilege, or license, taxes, property taxes, general and special incorporation and inheritance taxes, internal revenue taxes, tariff taxes, income taxes, and now an "excess profits" tax. It is difficult to see to what further lengths we can go—and yet the "increasing cost of government" and the ingenuity of the lawmaker go on forever.

"Take the ordinary merchant as an example. He begins by paying a nominal license tax for the privilege of doing business in his local community. Then he pays on an average amount of stock, a municipal, township, county and state tax. He pays stamp taxes on certain classes of goods. He pays tariff or excise taxes on goods imported. Then he pays a tax on the net income from his business. And if he be incorporated or in a partnership, he is now to pay an excess profits tax on his profits above five thousand dollars and 8 per cent. on his capital, if he have any profits left.

"And it is for this reason that parties must be held responsible for what they do. We cannot dispute the right of parties to choose methods of taxation, but taxation itself to sustain the government is not a party measure. And it may be asked why, then, take the tariff out of politics by the formation of a commission, non-partisan, and then make this bill an administration measure in the closing hurried days of a session to be followed by an almost evenly divided House? The fact is, the government finances are becoming sadly confused—and instead of hewing to the line of strict economy because we do not know what either income or outgo will be for the next few years, we adventure upon unknown fields and invoke untried expedients. It is emphatically not good business."

That is all very interesting and possibly all that is said may be true, but these are not normal times. The government is faced with the necessity of getting revenue, and it has to be raised by taxation. What shall the government tax, therefore—property that is already taxed or increment that isn't taxed? No taxes can be gotten out of those who are not making profits, so Congress conceived that the only thing it could do would be to tax a sure thing, but lest it burden industry unduly it decided to tax, not the ordinary normal and reasonable profits, but only excess profits.

Evidently Congress decided that it could not very well tax the people out of whom the excess profits are made, so it decided to tax those people who make the excess profits. A man's profits sooner or later are invested in property and then it is taxed, and as a matter of fact all property represents invested profits. Sooner or later they get you for taxes, anyhow, so it is about as broad as it is long.

Nevertheless, this question of taxes is appalling, as the Chronicle observes. The people doing business in the cities pay a bewildering lot of taxes, it is true, but if a profit is made in business, over and above all those taxes, the taxes inevitably have been handed on down to somebody else. Who then pays the taxes? Out of whom comes both the taxes and the profits?

The truth about it is that the taxing systems in the Nation and the states are based upon wrong principles, and, after all, economy is the only protection that all people can get from the burden of taxation. The rich and the poor pay taxes, whether they are paid directly by the rich or indirectly by the poor. The burden of taxation is sooner or later redistributed among the people, and it falls upon production and producers, and it is not alone the rich who bear the burden but the poor as well. High direct taxes on the rich surely will find their way, indirectly perhaps, but surely to the poor. All people, therefore, are vitaly concerned in excessive taxation, for it falls upon all, either directly or indirectly.

Nobody can get around the idea of the founders of the government that "any tax, however equitably levied upon the people, is a burden and not a benefit." Yet the Republican party goes upon the theory that we can tax ourselves rich and actually become prosperous by paying excessive tariff taxes. The last people on earth to object to taxes on excess profits for the benefit of the government are those who favor excessive taxes on consumers for the benefit of private or corporate industry in order that the beneficiaries of the protective tariff may be "guaranteed" profits at the expense of the masses. Nevertheless, taxes on profits sooner or later are distributed among the masses and there is no escape from it—no escape from taxes and death.

The law of economy is the only relief from the burden of taxation for the poor as well as the rich, as nobody escapes excessive taxation on the rich for it means excessive taxation on the poor, as well. Mr. Rockefeller may pay an enormous income or profit tax, but nobody can reasonably doubt that his gasoline consumers indirectly pay their share of the direct tax that falls upon him. We are all in the same boat and high taxes on one means high taxes on all.

### WORLD SCARCITY OF FOODSTUFFS

Every business man in the South should do all in his power to urge upon Southern farmers the planting of grain and the raising of foodstuffs of all kinds this spring and summer, in the opinion of the Manufacturers Record, which in a strong editorial declares with apparent intense earnestness that business men, state governments and the National government owe it to the farmers and to the welfare of the country to stress this matter with all possible emphasis. It is devoutly to be hoped that the Record's appeal will be seriously heeded.

The reason for the Record's zeal in this matter is found in its declaration that the shortage in the world's food crops last year, taken in connection with conditions created by the war, brings us nearer to a famine situation in foodstuffs than the world has known in this generation. Editor Richard H. Edmunds foresees almost famine conditions, if the crops of this country should, by unfavorable weather conditions or by a lessened acreage, be short of a full average yield, "because we will go into the next crop practically barren of food supplies". The demand for foodstuffs will exceed the supply, it is declared, whether there be war or peace between this country and Germany, whether war be continued in Europe for another year or two, or whether peace should come. In fact, the Baltimore publication goes on to say, with black-type emphasis:

"Nothing less than a bumper crop of grain will save us from exorbitantly high prices for wheat and corn next winter. It is important that the whole country should understand this situation, but it is doubly important that the farmers of the South should understand it and plant the largest acreage in grain which they have ever had in order to save themselves from having to pay the highest prices they have ever paid for their foodstuffs."

The Record is not predicating its warning and advice upon any prediction of low-priced cotton, for it says the price, judged by the world's demand, ought to be high, but because of the uncertainties here and elsewhere a large cotton crop might prove a misfortune by forcing prices below a fair profit. It is hardly possible to predict what may happen to cotton-the South might raise too big a cotton crop for its own prosperity—but it is impossible for the South to raise too big a grain crop or too much livestock. It is perfectly safe and even urgent, in the opinion of the Record, not only that every available acre should be put into the raising of foodstuffs, grain, vegetables, potatoes, etc., but that as much attention as possible should be given to livestock, and even to the raising of chickens and to dairying, especially for the purpose of at least meeting the home demand for foodstuffs.

In view of the facts stated and the conditions that prevail, the Record thinks it would be almost a crime for any Southern farmer not to provide, during the coming spring and summer, for all of the foodstuffs, which his family will need for the next twelve months, anything short of which would be ignoring every condition which this country and the world confronts in the lack of foodstuffs and in the certainty of high prices. By quick and vigorous action on the part of the farmers the South can become independent as to foodstuffs, the Record says, and if it fails to do so it will be drained of hundred of millions of dollars for high priced foodstuffs, which should have been raised at home, and there will be poverty in many homes where there should be abundance.

It is a timely warning that the editor of the Baltimore publication sounds and the business men of the South should pass it along with their own personal endorsement to the farmers in their respective neighborhoods and sections for the benefit of the farmers themselves and for the welfare of the country generally and the South in particular. There never was a time when wisdom more urgently dictated the production of something to eat and more of it in the South.

### DO WE FAVOR PREPAREDNESS

The bill recently passed by Congress to provide this country with a greater navy was generally supported by both the Democrats and Republicans. However, in the House 23 representatives voted against it. Ten who voted in the opposition were from the South, while most of the others were from the Middle West. The representatives from New England and the Pacific coast states voted solidly for preparedness, even if it does come high. Only two representatives from eastern states voted against preparedness, one of them being the Socialist member of the House, Meyer London. North Carolina furnished three (Kitchin, Page and Doughton) of the ten Southern representatives who voted against the President's naval programme. Thereupon, the Charleston News and Courier comments:

"From the showing made one might suppose that of the several sections of the country the South is the least in favor of adequate preparedness. We do not believe that this is true. The New York Times is correct in saying that these Representatives "do not fairly represent the feeling of the South, in which reasonable preparedness for defense has many powerful and eloquent advocates." Three of the Southern Representatives who voted against the Navy bill come from North Carolina, Mr. Kitchin being among them. There is considerable evidence that these three do not fairly represent the attitude of their own State. Claude Kitchin is popular among the Tar Heels but that does not mean that they agree with him in regard to preparedness. His case may well be like that of Mr. Bryan. There are still some men in these parts who worship Mr. Bryan but ten chances to one a little questioning will show that they do not favor the specific policies for which Mr. Bryan stands. Similarly the average North Carolinian may be an ardent Kitchinite and yet be heartily for preparedness. This is a phenomenon hard to explain but it does happen."

It should be noted that six North Carolina representatives and both Tar Heel senators voted for the bill. That makes eight to three, and doubtless that is about the proportion in which the people of North Carolina would stand upon the question. That is to say that more than two to one of the people of North Carolina favor the wise step taken by Congress to greatly strengthen this country's naval defense and to otherwise provide for this country's immense coast exposure to attack from three sides—on the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Gulf, representing more than three-fourths of the country subject to hostile attacks by sea.

In some matters in Congrecs Representative Kitchin represents himself, while in others he represents a small minority of the people of a state of 2,500,000 population. However, Mr. Kitchin, along with Messrs. Doughton and Page, voted against the enormous naval appropriation, because they believed it was more than was necessary for adequate defense. They favor defense upon a smaller scale, and possibly that was pretty much the view of the 23 representatives who voted against the bill.

Mr. Kitchin is able to state that the part of the country which will get 90 per cent of the preparedness and practically all the preparedness money to be spent, is opposed to the tax measure designed to raise the preparedness revenue. That might indicate that the Middle States and New England are opposed to preparedness, unless people less able to bear it are made to pay the expense. The wealth of the country is embraced in that part of it that needs preparedness the most, and it is economic reasonableness that the country's wealth must pay for America's defense.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

A French woman lawyer looks after the interests of any French soldier brought before the courts with a woman's association behind her to look after the costs! An American woman lawyer in San Francisco prosecutes the German officials charged with conspiracy to destroy property and secures their conviction! How long before women will make all the pleas to the jury? —Jacksonville Times-Union.

The Grier bill, which would establish maximum work hours of all women and children employed in mercantile establishments, is objectionable chiefly because it could not be confined to those employments in which labor is arduous and continuous, and could scarcely be adapted to businesses which undergo periods of rush and emergency as incidents to their operation. In the great majority of instances where the hours are packed with work, they do not run over nine hours. In the same way, the labor performed does not fall within the prohibited hours of six in the morning and six in the evening. But in many stores and similar enterprises working is largely waiting for something to turn up, and there is an absence of the strain which is the only justification of the limitation of the working period. The difficulty of most of these well-meant measures in aid of minors, and especially of women, is that they operate, if enforced, to put another burden upon woman's ambition to be self-supporting.—Raleigh Times.

One of our exchanges, recognized for its ability on the editorial page, goes out of its way to designate Mr. Bryan as "A Mishievous Meddler," and roasts him to the Queen's taste. But that will not do. Mr. Bryan has taken a part in the present crises; he has said what he thinks—and he is for Peace. Mr. Bryan is one of the big men of America—a world-wide character who has the respect of as many people as any man before the public. He may be mistaken at times; he may be an extremist; he may be living a little ahead of the times—but he is essentially great, and he is not a meddler. Every American citizen has a right, and not only a right but it should be his duty, to express himself. The position Bryan has taken is simply in accord with his past history. He isn't a Jingo; he isn't a sensationalist—but a plain man who believes in Peace with honor—and with him will be found the majority of the American people. No, Bryan is not a meddler. He is a great force in this country and to have him express his views is always worth while.—Greensboro Record (Ind.)

The House did a fine thing when at the instance of Governor Bickett, it passed the Beasley bill to submit to the people an amendment to the constitution making possible the exemption from taxation, notes and mortgages not to exceed $3,000, given for the purchase of homes. Maxton is handicapped by the large land-holdings in its vicinity and the consequent tenantry system. And we believe that when this provision of the constitution shall have been adopted the remedy will be at hand. We know that our peole are not land grabbers and that they will find that instead of reaching out to increase their holdings they will find not only a development of their patriotism, but be to their financial interest to divide with others and thus increase production and divide the burden of maintenance of good roads, schools and churches, and all public utilities. A population of small farmers is the only salvation for this section. We have heard some of our people who are really "land poor" owing to their large holdings, say that they would be glad to divide up into small farms their estates and sell to good farmers. This provision will help the latter to buy. — Maxton Scottish Chief.

### HELP THE NORTH CAROLINA SOLDIER BOYS SECURE JOBS

**Asheville Woman Starts Movement to Aid Troops Who Went to Border**

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 18.—Mrs. Minnie Fagg Malloy, U. D. C. leader and prominent in Asheville society, has taken up the cudgels for the members of the North Carolina National Guard, left, in many instances, without work by reason of giving up positions to go to the border. Mrs. Malloy, who has a son in Troop B, takes the stand that while it is all right to aid the European soldiers, that work should be laid aside for the present, and an effort made to find work of the soldier boys who carried the banner of North Carolina to the border.

Mrs. Malloy also calls attention to the fact that Tennessee, Virginia and other Southern states made extra appropriations to supplement the slender pay received by the boys on the border, and points out that North Carolina has taken no such action.

She declares that before working further to help the European soldiers, the women and men interested in such movements should turn their attention to the home boys, and proposes to head a movement to see that the State also aids with an appropriation.

Mrs. Malloy is being highly commended here for her attitude.

**Judge Pritchard to Speak.**

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 18.—Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, will make the address at the Lenoir county schools' commencement here on April 6, it was announced today. Judge Pritchard will come here about that time to address a community scoiological meeting.

### WIFE GIVES CLOTHES TO SECURE HUSBAND'S FREEDOM

**Former Carnival Man Stole Two Pair of Shoes to Secure Food**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 18.—Wifely devotion rose superior to love of clothes in police court yesterday when Mrs. G. C. Upchurch agreed to leave a fur coat and other articles of wearing apparel to secure a fine of $25 assesed against her husband, charged with the theft of two pairs of shoes from a local store. Upchurch admitted taking the shoes, declaring that at the time, he had just left a carnival company and was hungry and really had to have food for himself and wife. He will pay the fine as circumstances permit, and in the meantime, his wife's clothing stands as security for its payment.

### NOW BILL'S BOOZE WILL HAVE TO GO INTO THE GUTTER

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 18.—After a fruit less search for "William C. Jackson," whose existence was doubted from the beginning, to repossess him of several cases of whisky which the police seized here some weeks ago, the recorder has ordered Bill's stuff disposed of "in the usual way." The police say it will go into the gutter. William, if he is not an ethereal personage as suspected, is two-faced; nay, he is an icosahedron, for he allowed the finger of suspicion to be pointed to others and their subsequent embarrassment until, the right prevailing, they could not be hooked up with the liquor.

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## SERVICES AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Rev. John R. Matthews, Preached Eloquent Sermon Last Night—To Conduct Mission This Week**

Christ's mission in the world as the saviour of sinners was the theme of an eloquent sermon last night by Rev. John R. Matthews, of Barnesville, Ohio, who yesterday began a series of services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, which will continue through this week. His text was from St. Luke 15:10, "Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Rev. W. R. Noe, rector of the church, announced that Mr. Matthews would preach each night this week at 8 o'clock. He has recently conducted missions with much success at New Bern, Trenton and Vanceboro.

Christ came into the world as a revolutionizer, said the speaker, and like all men who have lived in advance of their age was persecuted and finally died the ignominious death of th cross. Christ's view of religion is strikingly contrasted with that of the Pharisees in the example of the publican, who prayed that the Lord would forgive him because he was a sinner and that of the man who thanked God that he was not as other men are.

The speaker cited several examples of how Christ became unpopular because He ate with publicans and sinners. The words of harsh criticism, as we understand them, now, seem quite different from what they were intended. That which was intended to blacken His character, said the speaker have become that which we most highly appreciate in the life of Him who came to seek and save that v hich was lost.

Christ's attitude towards the sinner is strikingly shown in the parable of the lost sheep. His patience, His patience and His condescension are vividly portrayed by the shepherd, who having brought in the ninety and nine does not stop until he has found the other sheep also.

The church's attitude to the sinner is shown in the parable of the woman seeking for the lost pieces of silver. The church's chief mission in the world must be to seek to save sinners and whenever the church fails to do that Christ will give up the church.

The parable of prodigal son shows the attitude of God towards the sinner. The speaker eloquently described the effects of sin and then showed how willing God is to forgive, if we will only come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

## CAR STOLEN FROM CHURCH

**While Owners Attended Divine Servicee Thief Makes Off With Machine. His Whereabouts Unknown.**

Stealing automobiles in Wilmington is rapidly becoming a favorite Sunday night diversion. That the thieves are not a bit careful as to where they pick up the cars was proven last night when a Ford touring car, belonging to Mr. Geo. Trask, a well known farmer, who lives on the Castle Haynes road, was stolen from in front of the First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market, while Mrs. Trask and her son, who had used the car to come to the church, were attending divine services.

The robbery, of course, was not discovered until after the services and the thief or thieves were probably by that time having a joy ride around the belt. On last Sunday night, Mr. W. P. Cline, superintendent of telegraph for t. . Atlantic Coast Line, had a five passenger Ford machine, stolen from in front of a residence while he and his family were on a visit. This car was later found on the turnpike beyond Delgado, where it had smashed into a tree, owing to the inexperience of the driver.

That those who have taken to this form of division for Sunday nights may be negro boys was indicated yesterday by a colored youth turning up at the police station and making a voluntary confession of being implimated in the uarcency of Mr. Cline's car.

The police were notified last night of the loss of Mr. Trask's car but up until a late hour no clue had been found as to its whereabouts. The car was a new model Ford touring car, and bore a license tag No. 21,728.

### REPORT FROM WILMINGTON

**Picture of Postal Clerks Appear in National Organ of Postoffice Clerks.**

In a recent issue of the "Union Postal Clerk," the official organ of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, is a large group photograph of the members of the Wilmington branch of the organization. Those shown in the group are: Messrs. R. H. Morris, Arthur Happy, J. A. Price, Arthur Viner, E. Roscoe Hall, E. C. Bagwell, W. G. A. Otersen, J. A. Fettel, C. W. Hollowbush, A. A. Hergenrother, R. F. Colwell, Stack Sharpless, A. G. Hill, E. P. Cunningham, O. C. Hill, J. O. Rogers and G. W. Hill. In connection with the photograph is the following:

"Wilmington Local No. 145 was organized May 27, 1916, with eleven members and by January 1, 1917, we will have twelve clerks and six carriers making a total membership of eighteen.

"We may have even more than this, as much interest in manifested and the three regular meetings which we have held were marked by a good attendance and plenty of enthusiasm.

"We have held several 'special' meetings, and will soon be in good working harness and expect to do everything in our power to push the good work along for—

'A time like this demands,
Brave hearts and steady hands.'

"We are enclosing a picture of our local, and regret that one of our members, Mr. J. B. Baker,

Whose radiant face and beaming smile
Would shed effulgence for a mile,

was unavoilably hindered from attending the vigorous onslaught of the wary photographer.

"Yours for efficienoy,
"E. ROSCOE HALL,
"Press Secretary."

## A PARTNERSHIP OF SERVICE

**The Only Real Charity Is To Help People to Help Themselves, Declares Rev. M. T. Plyler.**

The only real charity is to help people to help themselves, declared Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace Methodist church, yesterday morning in a sermon on the importance of a partnership of service. The parable of the Good Samaritan is not intended to teach the value of giving alms primarily, the speaker thought, but it should emphasize the importance of getting rid of conditions that bring about poverty.

After reading the parable of the Good Samaritan, the minister announced his text which was taken from St. Mark 10:45, "For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The meaning of stewardship in the light of the fundamental Christian doctrines was explained as being our obligation to God and to society for the things that have been placed in our hands. Our talents and our earthly possessions are to be held in trust. The ideas of property rights, according to the laws of the nations, is still heathen because they fail to recognize the principle of stewardship. This results in clashes of authority. However, this should not change our ideas of stewardship.

As we look upon nature and her wondrous works, we are filled with a sense of awe and we are quite willing to admit that they are all God's great handiwork but when it comes down to individual things, we change our viewpoint and say that they are ours to do with as we like, forgetting the fact that they are given to us in trust.

After all, however, that is ours which we can use, no matter in whom the title of possession lies. It is not necessary to own all the city of Wilmington in order to enjoy the many advantages of the different public utilities. For a mere pittance we may enjoy all the advantages of the street car and railroad systems.

When we preach the doctrine of public service, we mean that all these things shall be used for the public good. The same is true of mental things. All the great literatures of the world are ours, if we will but use them. Education is simply the enlargement of our faculties for appropriating the thoughts and opinions of the great men of all ages.

And so it is with the life and liberty which we enjoy. They have been brought to us through great sacrifice. They are the results of the service of men of all the ages in fighting for them.

Stewardship then stated in more modern terms means a partnership of service and not a partnership of poverty. We have built up a system of helping the poor which is vicious. It helps to make paupers rather than alleviate suffering. Simply handing out money is not charity. It must go deeper than that. The bigger job is to do away with thieves. That is the Christian view and wrong conditions will never be remedied until we get that.

This is the meaning of the modern humanitarian movements. It is because of a recognition of this principle that the modern business and industrial world is turning away from alcohol. The speaker explained that this does not mean the doing away of competition. There is a competition of fraternalism as well as that of the jungle. The right kind of competition does not mean pushing the weak to the wall but the striving for excellence upon merit and upon the basis of service.

The new note that is being sounded is that men are not in the world to hoard their money and their talents but to serve. That is the meaning of our churches and our schools. They are placed at the service of the people and all who will may use them. The same is true of our libraries and our art galleries. They are to be used by all the people.

The speaker referred to the criticism of President Allen D. Albert, president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, when he was in Wilmington last summer, that the only pictures in Wilmington by great artists are in the most exclusive club of the city. Those pictures, thought Mr. Albert, should be placed where the masses could see them rather than the selected few. That is the new note of the modern world, said the speaker, and it is indeed a significant thing when business men recognize that as the basis of living.

### FOREIGNERS FEAR GOVERNMENT WOULD SEIZE THEIR SAVINGS

**Break With Germany Caused Postal Depositors Some Apprehension.**

The severance of diplomatic relations with Germany has caused some alarm among foreign born depositors in the Postal Savings Banks in a few cities, lest their deposits be seized by the government in the event of war. Withdrawals increased temporarily in a few postoffices, while in other places deposits ran unusually heavy. Apprehension as to the safety of postal savings deposits was effectively allayed by the State Department on the 8th instant, when the following statement was issued:

"It having been reported to him that there is anxiety in some quarters on the part of persons residing in this country who are the subjects of foreign states lest their bank deposits or other property should be seized in the event of war between the United States and a foreign nation, the President authorizes the statement that all such fears are entirely unfounded.

"The government of the United States will in no circumstances take advantage of a state of war to take possession of property to which international understandings and the recognized law of the land give give it no just claim or title. It will scrupulously respect all private rights alike of its own citizens and of the subjects of foreign states."

Postal savings depositors have the further assurance of law, Act of June 25 1910, that the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment of all deposits and that they may be withdrawn on demand.

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## PREPARING FOR CENTENNIAL

**Three of the Committees Appointed by First Presbyterian Church Have Already Begun Their Work.**

Considerable interest is being manifested in the approaching centennial celebration of the First Presbyterian church, which will be held the first week in April. A full list of committees have been named, and three of these, the executive committee, the committee on invitations, and the committee on the preparation of the church and grounds, have already begun their work.

The committees are as follows:

Executive committee—Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., chairman; Col. Walker Taylor, vice-chairman; Mr. Jas. Sprunt, Mr. B. F. Hall, Mr. C. W. Worth, Mr. W. M. Cumming.

Committee to visit and formally invite President Wilson—Mr. James Sprunt, Col. Walker Taylor, Mr. R. A. Brand.

Committee on entertainment—Mr. M. S. Willard Mr. W. M. Cumming, Mr. P. Pearsall, Mr. H. C. McQueen, Mr. J. A. Springer

Committee on invitations—Mr. C. W. Worth, Mr. R. E. Smith.

Committee on Centennial Volume—Mr. B. F. Hall, Mr. John Hall, Mr. A. M. Hall.

Committee on transportation—Mr. R. A. Brand, Col. Walker Taylor, Mr. Jas. Sprunt.

Committee on press and publicity—Mr. Jos. W. Little, chairman; Mr. J. O. Carr, Rev. A. J. Howell, Rev. W. M. Baker, Rev. T. P. Allen, Mr. R. M. Sheppard, Mr. R. D. Dickson.

Reception committee—Mr. L. E. Hall, chairman; Mr. H. Lacy Hunt, Mr. C. W. Woodward, Dr. J. G. Murphy, Mr. E. C. Holt, Mr. R. H. Northrop, Dr. E. J. Wood, Mr. J. F. Roache.

Reception committee for the President—The session.

These additional committee have been appointed by the board of deacons:

Committee on preparation of the church and grounds—Mr. R. E. Smith, Mr. Jos. W. Little, Mr. John Hall, G. A. P. Bowman, Mr. J. L. Wells, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. J. O. Carr, Mrs. J. M. Wells, Mrs. M. S. Willard, Mr. R. W. Hicks, Mrs. C. W. Woodward, Mrs. R. M. Sheppard, Mrs. W. D. McCaig, Mrs. J. W. Little, Mrs. G. A. P. Bowman.

Committee on ushering—Mr. Jos. W. Little, Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. R. W. Hicks, Mr. C. W. Woodward, Mr. Geo. L. Mitchell, Mr. Jas. L. Wells, Mr. B. B. Reynolds.

Finance committee—Mr. M. S. Willard, chairman; Mr. R. E. Smith, Mr. Jos. W. Little, Mr. W. D. McCaig, Mr. W. E. Worth, Mr. W. J. Craig, Mr. L. E. Hall, Mr. H. Lacy Hunt, Mr. J. F. Roache.

## MEETINGS AT IMMANUEL

**Rev. William Black, D. D., of Charlotte, Preaches First Sermon to Large Congregation.**

A congregation that filled the church to overflowing heard Rev. William Black, D. D., of Charlotte, a well known Presbyterian evangelist at Immanuel Church last night, this being his first sermon in a series of services which he will conduct this week. The parable of the sower was used to show the importance of Christians' using their influence among their acqhaintances to bring them to Christ.

An especially enjoyable feature of the service was the singing of several duets by Dr. Black and his singer, Mr. Andrew Burr. In addition to the large choir which had already been organized uring the past week under the direction of Mr. E. B. Johnson and which was last night directed by Mr. Burr, a junior choir of 50 boys and girls was organized last night. Both these choirs will sing at the services this week.

Services will be held each morning at 10 o'clock and will last for one hour only. The services at night will begin at 7:30 o'clock, the first half hour being devoted to the singing of Gospel hymns.

Cottage prayer meetings will be held each afternoon at 4 o'clock. These meetings for this afternoon will be held at the homes of Capt. J. F. Singletary on Front street, Mr. Emanuel Pershake on South Eight street, and Mr. W. H. Shew on Queen street.

### WORK ON HOSPITAL ANNEX WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

**Marion Sprunt Memorial Hospital Will Soon Be Ready for Occupancy**

The construction of the Marion Sprunt Memorial Hospital for women and children, which is being erected by Mr. James Sprunt as a memorial to his daughter, Marion Sprunt ,will soon be completed and as soon as the equipment, which has already been ordered, can be installed, it will be ready for occupancy. The new building has been built as an annex to the James Walker Memorial Hospital and is connected by corridors running from each floor to the corresponding floors of the main building.

The new building was designed by Mr. Kenneth Murchison, of New York, with whom has been associated in the oversight of the building operations the local firm of Gause & Lynch. The contract for the construction work was given to the Northeastern Construction Company, of New York, which also has the contract for the construction of the half million dollar customs house for Wilmington.

The exterior walls of the building are of mingled shades of rough texture brick work of superior quality. The structure consists of two stories and a basement and will provide accommodations for 60 patients. The first floor will be used as a maternity or lying-in hospital, one half of the space being used as a ward for 12 beds for maternity patients and the remainder being partitioned off into private rooms to the number of eight. Each private room will have a bath attached. A modern operating room with all the latest surgical apparatus and devices will be located on the first floor.

The second floor will be divided into two wards for children with accommodations for 20 patients in each ward.

—Ben Grady, colored, was arrested by the police last night on a warrant charging him with violating the prohibition law.

## THE VALUE OF LITTLE THINGS

**Rev. W. T. Moss, of Chapel Hill, Preached Inspiring Serman At First Presbyterian Church.**

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church heard with pleasure and profit yesterday morning an inspiring sermon by the Rev. W. T. Moss, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Chapel Hill, who took his text from the fourth chapter of Mark, "There were also with Him other little ships."

The value of little things was emphasized by the speaker, who pointed out that St. Mark would have made a good newspaper reportr because he could get the details and special items that would lend more interest to the events which he described. The other Gospel writers in speaking of the same incident called attention to the "great steamer" but it was only Mark who mentioned "the other little ships."

If we are to make any progress in life, said the speaker, we must get hold of the great principle of seeing the apparently insignificant. Little things did not count for so much in the old days as they do now. We are coming more and more to recognize the importance of this principle.

Before the coming of Christ, God appeared to the people only at certain places and at certain seasons, but now we recognize that God is a spirit and is everywhere. With Him everything counts, even the most insignificant man.

The ability to see the value of little things is one of the distinguishing marks between men and women and boys and girls. Our little tasks have a sacred aspect. Successful men agree that it is the little things that count. Of course, some tasks are more congenial than others, but the one that is at hand is the all important one and should receive our best attention.

This important fact stands out prominently in the life of Jesus. There must have been some tasks that were not very pleasant to Him but all that He atempted was perfectly done. The speaker emphasized the fact that the person who does the little things well is always in a better position and better fitted to handle the more important tasks when the opportunity offers.

It is the little pleasures that count. The idea is too prevalent today that a young man must start life with an automobile when his father's life ended with on. There are too many who want one round of pleasure after another instead of being satisfied with the little pleasures of life and finding enjoyment in the commonplace things. The most miserable people in the world are the idle poor and the idle rich.

It is the little service also that counts. Every young man and young woman has a work to be done and all service ranks the same with God, if rendered with the same spirit. Joan of Arc was able to render the great service to her country mainly through the prayers and influence of her mother and the great work that St. Peter performed was made possible by the service rendered by St. Andrew in bringing him to Christ.

The speaker explained that it is the little courtesies that count. He showed how today corporations are recognizing this fact as perhaps never before, and how much better the courteou man has in most any walk of life.

Finally, our State counts, our own Southland and our great Nation counts in the great onward march of the world. The speaker explained that he liked to think of this glorious land of ours os God's country, and that if we look at it in the true Christian spirit, there is nothing unclean or commonplace about it. The Holy Grail is found right at our door, if we could only see it.

### DRIVERS OF UNLICENSED AUTOMOBILES ARE NABBED

**Warrants For 11 Car and Two Motocyclists Will Be Issued Today.**

On a "still hunt" for drivers of automobiles and other motor vehicles on which the State License tax for 1916-1917 has not been paid, County Officer H. Mack Godwin and Deputy Sheriff Chas. Keen yesterday succeeded in nabbing eleven drives of unlicensed cars and two motorcycles.

In each case the quarry, some of whom led the officers a merry chas, when finally "picked up," gave their names to the officers and today warrants will be issued for them, unless they have taken the first opportunity to fix up their licenses this morning.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Only Eight Church Reported Yesterday Showing Attendance of 1,585.**

Only eight churches in the city reported their Sunday schol attendance yesterday, and the reports from these indicated that 1,585 persons attended their Sunday school services during the day. The First Baptist led all others by a safe margin, but their attendance was considerably less than usual.

The record for the day was as follows: Calvary Baptist 182; Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, 223; First Baptist 315; Fifth Avenue Methodist, 147; First Presbyterian 182; St. Paul's Lutheran 213; Bladen Street Methodist 130; Delgado Baptist 193.

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# SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. Noe's Bible Class will meet this evening at 7 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. All business women of the city are invited to attend.

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The Domestic Science Class of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at the high school at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening. There are still six vacancies in the class and anyone desiring to enter can make application.

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Mr. Ranson Ennis and Miss Robbie E. Powell were married Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the pastorium of Calvary Baptist church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. A. Sullivan. They will make their home in this city. The groom is employed with the Wilmington Iron Works.

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**MISS MARY BORDEN IS TO WED SOUTH CAROLINA MAN**

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 18.—Friends in this city, her home, and throughout the State, of Miss Mary Borden, the lovely and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Borden, will be interested in the announcement of her coming marriage to Mr. Ernest Graham, of Greenville, S. C., which will take place after Easter.

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**MISS BEATRICE TONKEL ENTERTAINS HER FRIENDS**

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 18.—Miss Beatrice Tonkel entertained a number of her friends Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tonkel. After several interesting games had been played the guests were then invited into the dining room by the hostess where refreshments were served.

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**MRS. COBB, OF GOLDSBORO, GIVES DELIGHTFUL LUNCHEON**

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 18.—One of the most attractive luncheons of the season was given Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. H. H. Cobb. The luncheon was given by the Goldsboro committee of Colonial Dames in honor of the out of town members who were visitors in Goldsboro. Mrs. Cobb was a gracious hostess, the handeome and tasteful decorations and the distinguished guests making the accasion a most delightful one.

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**DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT ENJOYED AT MAYSVILLE**

Maysville, N. C., Feb. 17.—The Civic League of Maysville gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the high school building Friday night, assisted by the intermediate department of the school, the latter giving a play, "The Princess Without a Heart." Several recitations and instrumental solos were rendered. The programme close with three recitations given by Mrs. Wilson in a very pleasing manner.

In an adjoining room the ladies had ready dainty refreshments, which were sold and the proceeds appropriated to the improvement of the town. The people here are much interested in the improvement of the town. Old wooden buildings are being torn away and giving place to new brick structures; cement sidwalks are being laid and other improvements being made. The secret is the ladies are behind it all.

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**ASHEVILLE SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE WEEK OF GENERAL INTEREST**

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 17.—One of the largest and most elaborate parties of the winter-spring season was given this afternoon by Mrs. Zebulon Curtis and Mrs. E. S. Brown, at Battery Park hotel, bridge furnishing the entertainment for the afternoon. Mrs. Brown entertained in honor of her guest and niece, Miss Allene Sewell, of Sedalia, Mo., and Mrs Curtis in honor of her sister, Mrs. Alan A. Muse of Rochester, N. Y. Eighteen tables were made up in the lounge of the hotel, the alcoves lending themselves t o a charming scheme of decorations. Each of the guests received a handsome guest prize and prizes were awarded for the high scores. Elaborate refreshments were served.

Chief among the social events of the week was the bridge tournament at the Asheville Country club Thursday afternoon, twenty tables being reserved by the members of the club and their guests. Valentine decorations were used with pleasing effect and delicious salad course was served. Prizes were awarded at each table.

Mrs. Margaret Hunt has announced the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Winniford Hyman, to Mr. Thomas B. Moberly, the wedding taking place here Wednesday at high noon, Rev. Father Patrick Marion officiating. After an extended wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Moberly will be at home at No. 37 Ravenscroft drive.

Miss Ruby Holliday, who is the guest of Mrs. J. L. Dickerson, at her home on Charlotte street, entertained Wednesday afternoon with four tables of bridge. Cut flowers and valentine effects were used to make up a charming scheme of decorations. Refreshments were served.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. C. O. Kirsch, of Bamberg, S. C., spent yesterday in the city.

—Mr. B. B. Flora has returned from a business trip to Philadelphia, New York and other Northern cities.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: J. D. Davis, Wananish; R. J. Dalton, Charlotte; C. L. Van Noppen, Greensboro.

—The many friends of Dr. Wm. J. Love were delighted to see him on the streets again yesterday after being indisposed for some days during the recent extreme weather.

—Yesterday's arrivals at the Orton were: J. McRae Dalton, Winston-Salem; H. C. McNair, Laurinburg; B. J. Dunning, Aulander; T. E. Davis, Wilson; W. R. Crawford, Raleigh; A. B. Babcock, Garland; James F. Lee, Coats.

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# CONFERENCE HERE THIS WEEK

**Baptist Pastor and Lay Leaders of Wilmington Association to Hold Sessions at First Baptist.**

Every indication points to a large attendance of Baptist pastors and lay leaders of the church at the conference of the Wilmington association of this denomination which will be held this week at the First Baptist church, the opening session being held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The conference will last for two days.

The conference will be featured by a mass meeting to be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at which the principal address will be made by Rev. Walter Johnson, of Raleigh, secretary of the Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, will make the principal address. This service will be of especial interest to the public and it is hoped to have a large attendance not only among the Baptists but from other denominations as well.

Secretary Johnson will be present at both days of the conference and will lead the discussions on missions and other topics of interest in connection with the work of the church. Rev. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, has received notice of their intention to attend the conference from the following pastors: Rev. A. H. Porter, Whiteville; Rev. L. M. Hollway, Southport; Rev. G. T. Watkins, Goldsboro; Rev. H. W. Baucom, Morehead City; Rev. C. Y. Brooks, Wallace; Rev. J. H. Poteat, Whiteville.

**DIES FROM BURNS AFTER WEEK OF AWFUL SUFFERING**

**Mrs. Louis Barnhill, of Montague, Passed Away at Hospital Yesterday**

After a week of terrible suffering from burns sustained at her home last Monday when her clothes ignited from a blaze in an open fire place while she was dressing her young daughter, Mrs. Louis Barnhill, of Montague, N. C., passed away at the James Walker Memorial hospital yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The lower part of her body was fearfully burned by the flames and so great was her suffering that she welcomed death as a relief. It was not until yesterday morning that she became unconscious.

Although her husband was at home at the time of the terrible accident and rushed to the assistance of his wife as soon as he heard her screams, her clothes were a mass of flames and she was fatally burned before they could be extinguished. She was brought to the hospital here early last week.

The deceased was 30 years old and is survived by her husband and two small children. Surviving also are two brothers, Messrs. G. F. and H. Hunt, and a sister, Mrs. E. U. Horrell, all of Point Caswell. Her husband and brothers were with her when the end came.

Tue remains will be taken this morning on the A. & Y. train to Rook's and from there will be carried to the family burying ground near Point Caswell. The funeral and interment will take place there this afternoon at 8 o'clock. The services will be conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. L. Goodrich.

**CHURCH ISSUES YEAR BOOK**

**First Baptist Church Now Has Over 1,100 Members.**

The Year Book of the First Baptist church, which has just been issued, is a complete and accurate compilation of the history of the church past and present. The roll of members in the booklet shows that there are now on the books of the church a total membership pof 1,170, several of whom are residents of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, as well as others in large cities and in foreign countries.

In addition to the list of officers and members, the book also contains well written articles on the Baptist covenant, and on "Why I Am A Baptist," and various other phases of the Baptist doctrine. There is also a historical sketch of the church's history, with a list of the pastors who have served in the past.

The compilation of memberships is arranged in two sections, one divided according to residential sections of the city, and the other alphabetically.

The book, which was compiled by Dr. John Jeter Hurt, the pastor, will be distributed to the members of the church this week.

**GOOD WORK AT DELGADO**

**Seventeen Persons Baptized and Four New Members Received Yesterday**

The right of baptism were administered to 17 persons at the afternoon services at Delgado Baptist church yesterday. The ritual was performed by Rev. Dr. John Jeter Hurt ,pastor of the First Baptist church, of this city, who conducted the services.

Four additions were also received to the church at the services yesterday afternoon. Considerable interest in church work was aroused in the Delgado community by the recent revival services held there by Dr. Hurt. At that time the membership of the church was increased by about 40 new members, and a number have joined since then.

There are several others who will be baptized at an early date.

**TO GIVE RECEPTION NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT**

**Lady Maccabees and Sir Knights To Observe Washington's Birthday.**

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees and the Sir Knights are planning an elaborate celebration and reception for next Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Odd Fellow's Hall, Third and Princess streets, in observation of Washington's birthday.

Both ladies and knights must wear red ties or be subject to a fine of ten cents. The color of tie is to be regarded as significant of the cherries on the tree which the youthful George worked on with his hatchet. A fine musical programme is being arranged for the occasion and refreshments will be served.

# ONLY TWO MONTHS REMAIN

**War and Rumors of War Prevents Interest From Being Stirred Up in City Election.**

Lacking two days of being two months before the municipal primary for the city election, interest in local politics has been at a low ebb, due probably to the rumors of war that have filled the atmosphere to the exclusion of all other kinds of fights, political or otherwisé, for the past 60 days.

The primary election will take place on April 17th and two weeks thereafter, or on May 1st, the regular city election will take place. The city charter provides that the city election shall be held on the first Tuesday in May and as the first Tuesday this year happens also to be the first day of the month, the election will be at that time. The charter further provides that the primary shall be held two weeks before the regular election.

At the municipal primary it is provided that two candidates shall be nominated for mayor and two candidates for Councilman from each of the wards for which a councilman is to be elected.

Mayor Parker Quince Moore has already announced his candidacy for re-election while Councilman B. A. Merritt has been in the running for some time but has as yet made no formal announcement. However, he is expected to do so shortly. Meanwhile the talk of the "dark horse" continues and numerous men have been suggested. Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the Board of County Commissioners, has been discussed as a candidate but it is not known that he would consent to get into the race. Several business men have been suggested for possible candidates among them being Mr. W. A. French.

Friends of Iredell Meares, Esq., have put him forward as a possible candidate as he has been keenly interested in city politics and has recently suggested some legislation that he thinks would help the city. Mr. Meares, however, has not as yet given the suggestion serious consideration.

Councilmen W. F. Jones from the First Ward will be in the race to succeed himself and is going to have plenty of opposition. Those already in the race are Claude C. Cashwell, Esq., and Messrs. W. A. Sue, W. C. Boesch and L. L. Shepard.

Councilman J. M. Hall from the Fourth ward is expected to be in the race again and wil also have opposition. Mr. Oscar P. Peck will be one of those who will likely run in opposition to Mr. Hall. There will be others without a doubt.

Councilman W. D. McCaig from the Sixth Ward is also expected to be in the race to succeed himself. He is likewise expected to have opposition but local politicians have not as yet decided who the opposers are to be although several are mentioned.

The election on the question of the city's entering into an underwriting proposition for developing free sites for manufacturing enterprises will be held at the same time as the city election.

**LOSING VALUABLE MEN**

**Messrs. Neill McEachern and W. R. Barksdale Leave Wilmington.**

Two valuable members of the First Baptist church and their families have recently moved to other sections of the country. Speaking of the farewell given these members, "Go Forward," the weekly newspaper of the church, has the following:

"That was a tender moment last Sunday morning when Brother Penton arose to ask for letters of dismission for Deacon Neill McEachern and family, who are leaving this week for their new home at Blackstone, Va. Then followed Brother Peterson with handsome resolutions which had been adopted, signed and framed by the deacons. We are losing one of the most valuable men the church ever had in its work, and all the members of the family have been filling responsible and highly useful positions. We commend them heartily to the brotherhood of Blackstone and of Virginia.

"And now comes a request for the church letter of Brother W. R. Barksdale, who have moved to New York city. He is assistant general manager of the Argentine Mercantile Corporation, and is highly pleased with his new position. His long letter to the pastor is heart-reaching and inspiring. We take his name from our roll, but we will not soon forget his loyalty and his devotion to all the interests of our church.

"Blessings up these who go. We met to part, and now we part to meet again, somewhere, sometime."

**FRITZ HANSON WILL WORK HARD FOR BOUT WITH GARDNER**

**Has Cancelled All Matches for Week in Order to Get in Top Shape**

In order to get himself in to the best possible shape for his bout with Pink Gardner in Columbia on Washington's Birthday, Fritz Hanson, the clever local wrestler, has cancelled all other engagements for the week. He was to have met Kid Ellis at Goldsboro, and another wrestler at Snow Hill during the coming week.

Fritz tackled Gardner here last Wednesday after he had been on the mat practically every day for nearly two weeks, and as a result, Gardner defeated him with straight falls. Hanson is confident that in his normal form, he can beat Gardner, and with that in mind is going to spare no efforts to be in this shape when he tackles the clever Charlotte matman next Thursday.

The pair are about evenly matched, although Hanson has won two out of three decisions over his rival in recent bouts. With both in top form, the match in Columbia should prove the best of the season.

**DENSE FOG AT NEWPORT NEWS TIES UP SHIPPING**

Newport News, Va., Feb. 18.—A dense fog settled over Hampton Roads tonight, menacing shipping of every kind and preventing steamers due to leave from getting under way. Vessels which did venture to move created a constant din with bells and sirens, while all ferries were behind their schedules.

**LIEUT. ARMSTRONG, OF HIGH POINT, DIES AT FORT BLISS**

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 18.—Lieut. Wm. L. Armstrong, aged 33, of the First North Carolina infantry, died in the Forst Bliss hospital last night from meningitis. His home was at High Point.

# GUILTY CONSCIENCE TALKS

**So Leroy Berry, Colored, Made A Confession That Was Not Looked For by The Police Officials.**

"Suspicious fear haunts the guilty mind" quoth some old philesepher during his spare time some years ago, and the local police department found an illustration of the saying yesterday morning, as a result of which, Leroy Berry, James McMitchell and Arthur Drew, three colored youths are locked up charged with stealing Mr. W. P. Cline's automobile last week, and after taking a joy ride with it finally drove it into a tree on the roadside near Winter Park.

Saturday night the officers arrested Drew for pranking with an automobile, having found him turning on the lights of a car parked on the street, and otherwise testing the ability of the car, as if preparing to take a surreptitious joy ride.

Early yesterday morning Berry heard that Drew had been arrested for something in connection with an automobile, and at once jumbed to the conclusion that it was the affair with Mr. Cline's car. Now Berry is a much more logical thinker than the average colored youth, so he reasoned his plight out thusly.

"If I don't say anything about this, then Arthur'll tell the 'bulls' about me and I'll soon land in the jug along with him. But if I go down and confess before he has a chance to squeal, then Marse George'll be mightly light on me, when he gets us before him Monday. Therefore, I'll go down and talk."

Consequently he wended his way toward the police station and asked the sergeant if they wanted him in connection with the automobile affair. He was asked if he knew anything about it, and as a result he told the story of the theft of Mr. Cline's car, and implicated McMitchell in addition to Drew.

Warrants were at once issued and all three will face the recorder this morning. According to Berry's story, Drew was the driver of the car at the time of the accident, and he and McMitchell were passengers.

**TOOK FRENCH LEAVE?**

**Leg Badly Crushed Negro Takes Departure From Hospital.**

It was reported from the James Walker Memorial hospial last night that Thomas Edward, a negro was sustained a broken leg when a girder at the new customs house fell on him last week, left the hospital yesterday. It is understood that Thomas took his departure without informing any of the hospital authorities of his action.

Just how a man with a leg so badly crushed that it was almost cut in two, could take leave from anywhere is a problem that many of Wilmington's shrewdest citizens will no doubt have trouble in solving. All of his enemies who may have entertained ideas of "razzering" Thomas had better take warning, for he would likely have energy enough left after his throat was cut to lick an ordinary man.

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# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

## SUBMARINES CAN'T STARVE ENGLAND, SAYS HENRY CLEWS

**But the Ruthless Campaign Will Mean the Suffering of Millions of Neutrals.**

**WAR'S BITTERNESS GROWS**

**United States Will Have Clear Conscience if Nation is Drawn Into the Conflict.**

(By HENRY CLEWS.)

New York, February 18. — The war in Europe shows no signs of abating in intensity, albeit the desire for and belief in early peace is growing among all the belligerents. Bitterness grows each day and all indications point to a resumption of hostilities with the coming of spring upon a more destructive scale than ever. Evidently the worst is close at hand, and to the innumerable horrors already endured, that of starvation is now to be added; starvation, not of the belligerents only, but of the millions of unfortunate non-combatants in Belgium, Poland, Armenia, Siberia, etc. Human endurance must be approaching the end. As for the attempt to starve England with submarines that will prove futile. At most the results will not be worse than a temporary inconvenience or deprivation of some articles of sustenance. Great Britain had a total ocean tonnage of nearly 20,000,000 before the war, or almost one-half of the world's total. The losses from the beginning of the war to the new submarine campaign were about 4,000,000 tons, of which 2,500,000 tons were British and the remainder neutral.

These losses, however, have been very largely compensated for by new construction, so that, according to an estimate of the United States Shipping Commissioner, the net loss of world's tonnage in January was about 200,000 tons. Of late the output of new tonnage has been immensely increased in all parts of the world by high freights and prospects of their continuance for a long period ahead. From this later fact it follows that submarines will have to increase their present destructiveness very considerably before they can possibly even approach the starvation of England.

No facts are given out by the British Admiralty as to the mortality among submarines, but there is reason to believe it is very high. At British ports there are between 1,000 and 1,200 arrivals and departures per week, each sailing offering an opportunity to the submarine. Since February 1 70 British ships, including trawlers and fishing smacks, have been destroyed. This is an average of over four per day. It will require a good many more than this to starve England; and if that contingency was in sight this country and other neutrals would undertake to ship food and other necessaries to Britain for profit, if not for humane or other considerations. In this country alone there are now 400 steel merchant ships under construction, with a tonnage of 1,700,000 tons. Japan and Norway are also turning out a large new tonnage. What Great Britain is doing in this direction is not officially known, although she is much the largest shipbuilder in the world, and has lately turned her attention to building merchant tonnage with increased vigor.

The security markets have settled down to a state of inactivity pending developments growing out of the war. Liquidation has now been going on for two months and prices are considerably lower than when speculation was at its height. Our relations with Germany are, of course, the pivotal issue, and the conviction grows daily that it is only a question of time when some overt act on the part of Germany may drive this country into war. Our patient President shows an endurange with Germany's aggressions that is unfortunately mistaken for weakness. But the tremendous responsibilities which he carries should exempt him from all trifling criticism, especially as his policy of forbearance will place this country in an advantageous position before the world's court of public opinion. Some uneasiness was induced by the threatened outbreak in Cuba, also by fears of renewed difficulties with Mexico, but thus far neither of these contingencies are seriously regarded. The most threatening domestic factor in the business situation is aggravation of the freight embargo by the submarine menace to neutral vessels. Our own ships are still held in port awaiting action of the Government, which is considering the effects of granting the protection which they require. Not only the ships of the American line are detained, but also those of several neutral Atlantic lines. As a result, freight is piling up upon the railroads at various points and a serious congestion of freight is imminent that will be still further aggravated by the scarcity of cars and the inadequacy of motive power and terminal facilities.

The monetary situation may become a more important factor in the near future, especially if we are drawn into war. No stringency is to be anticipated, because of the very ample resources of our banks and the general soundness of credit. The enormous wastage of capital from two and a half years of intense destructiveness is at last making itself felt. Even the large profits made in this country are being rapidly absorbed by increased expenses and the huge demands of new loans. War is now costing the various belligerents over $100,000,000 per day, nearly all of which is pure wastage except expenditures for food and clothing, which would have to be bought and paid for under any circumstances. Since August 1, 1914, the cost of the war must have been approximatelly $70,000,000,000. The approaching spring drive will increase expenditures, and if we join in the melee the figures will be additionally swollen. Rumor already intimates that a war loan of $500,000,000 three per cent. bonds is contemplated in this country for our own purposes. There is no doubt whatever that it will be promptly taken. Should we enter war, and if it continues longer than anticipated, other similar amounts will follow.

Unsettling as the general situation may be there is one fact to be borne in mind, and that is we can face war with perfect equanimity. Our conscience will be clear, for we have tried to avoid war almost to the point of humiliation. In this hour of crisis let us not forget that there is a silver lining to every cloud. We are seeing today an exhibition of patriotism that has not been equaled since the Civil War. It is well to remember one thing, that is, that our country can take care of itself, come what will, better than any other nation on earth in time of peace or in time of war. Thanks be to Almighty God for giving us a superabundance of everything for self-support, even though we were walled in. The entire nation views the situation with composure, confident in the wisdom and strength of our government, as well as in the resources and patriotism of the American people. Our banking system is in unusually good position, and soft spots such as might be expected after recent experiences are remarkably few. Moreover, there has been a greater degree of preparedness for this contingency than generally supposed, and our bankers cannot be taken by surprise. The same is true of our industrial plants. Many of these are upon or nearly upon a war basis, and not a few could take on big war orders at once without further preparations. The shock of war will, therefore, be relatively light—if it comes—and easily borne; a fact that has already been partly discounted. As for military preparations, these, too, have been perfected more thoroughly than usually realized, the government having wisely kept such movements as quiet as possible. There is no reason why this country should not do as other countries have done; take this crisis calmly and suppress all unnecessary excitement. Foreign citizens have nothing to fear provided they already assured them that neither their persons nor their property will be put under constrait so long as proper conduct is complied with. The German element in our population has long been considered a desirable one, and the American people have no animosity against the Germans as such; their hostility being confined entirely to its government's policy of submarine "ruthless" warfare, in violation of our existing treaties.

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**List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.**

**Steamers.**

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,288 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

**WILMINGTON MARKETS.**

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.
ROSIN—Nominal.
TAR—Nominal.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Normal.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; tar, $2.15-9c.; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

**RECEIPTS:**

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|---|---|
| Spirits Turpentine | (—) |
| Rosin | 102 |
| Tar | 50 |
| Crude Turpentine | 1 |

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 4 casks; rosin, 22 barrels; tar, 182 barrels; crude turpentine, 3 barrels.

**COTTON MARKET.**

Market—Normal; same day last year, 11⅝c.

Receipts—6 bales; same day last year, 105 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 77,281 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 146,708 bales.

**BY RIVER AND RAIL**

**Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.**

February 17, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—6 bales cotton; 3 barrels tar; 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Str. Hurt—80 barrels rosin; 28 barrels tar.

River—7 barrels rosin; 2 barrels tar.

Str. Thelma—8 barrels tar.

Schr. Addie Mae—4 barrels tar.

Schr. Mary Lee—15 barrels rosin.

Str. Lisbon—5 barrels tar.

Total—6 bales cotton; 102 barrels rosin; 50 barrels tar; 1 barrel crude turpentine.

**PRODUCE MARKETS.**

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 17.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 70c to 80c bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 25c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—Dull, 32c to 34c.

**WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.**

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 17.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

**PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.**

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 17.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market steady, $1.50 per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo 4½c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4½c per lb.; Prime, 4c per lb.; Shelling Stock, 3 to 3¾c per lb.

## STOCKS HAVE DULL WEEK

**Uncertain International Situation Chief Adverse Feature—Trading Was Only Moderate.**

New York, Feb. 18.—Further uncertainties in the international situation, which resulted in a general freight blockade, this in turn causing more or less disturbance in many lines of industry, were among the more adverse features of a dull week in the stock market.

It was evident, however, in the very moderate delivery operations that market or technical conditions were sounded, even though indications of further liquidation were not altogether lacking. Declines in a number of high class stocks and bonds to levels ordinarily attractive to bargain hunters or investors induced only a small buying movement.

Much private and corporation capital is awaiting the outcome of events in Washington, where preparations for a large government issue are assumed to be well towards completion. It is also understood that our bankers have arranged the preliminaries for several additional foreign flotations, these to partake of renewals of loans to South America and additional credits to France.

In the main, foreign exchange markets were more stable, even those of the Teutonic countries, but remittances to London and continental Europe were the smallest of any week for several months. Resumption of the gold import movement on a scale suggestive of last year's enormous inflow gave rise to reports of another Entente loan.

In the stock market representative industrials were again stronger than rails. Shares of the various war supply concerns scored irregular advances, partly as a result of the publication of favorable statements of earnings and because of the likelihood of contracts from the home government.

All the metal markets were stimulated by advances in raw and refined products, high grade coppers, for instance, being quoted at the record price of 37 cents a pound, although it is not known that actual sales were made at that figure.

Shipping shares made considerable improvement later in the week, their rise being coincident with a fall in marine insurance rates. Issues of related companies strengthened in sympathy.

**COTTON GOODS MARKET**

New York, Feb. 18.—Cotton goods markets have been generally steadier during the week, buying going on conservatively, and being confined more and more to nearby requirements. Mills and furnishing companies are still well employed though the volume of forward orders booked is not as great as it was four months ago. Government orders for army supplies of various sorts have strengthened the cotton duck and heavy goods markets. Print cloths are steadier and somewhat higher on some constructions. Sheetings are holding quite steady.

Colored cottons are very firm, an advance of half cent a yard having been announced this week on one line of staple ginghams. The already high costs of production are being increased by the advance in coal and dye costs and the firm resistance to lower prices made by manufacturers is attributed to this cause as well as to the sold-up conditions for nearby delivery. Spot stocks of goods continue lighter than usual and jobbers who have tried to secure sizeable blocks or goods have been unable to do so, if prompt delivery is demanded. A degree of hesitation in the markets is expected to continue as long as international conditions are unsettled, yet confidence is greater in merchandise than it was a week ago.

Quotations are as follows: Print cloths, 28-inch 64x64's 5 3-4c; 64x60's, 5 3-8 to 5 1-2c; 28 1-2-inch 64x64's, 7 5-8c; brown sheetings, Southern standards, 11 1-2c; denims, 2.20's, Indigo 21c; ticking, 8 oz., 20 1-2c; prints 9c; staple ginghams, 9 1-2c; dress ginghams 12 1-2c and 13 1-2c.

**NEW ORLEANS COTTON REVIEW**

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—With little cotton for sale in the contract market last week, the market maintained a steady tone, and in the face of adverse political reports and a highly discouraging export situation, remained at the advance throughout. At the highest levels the trading months were 68 to 101 points over the previous week's close. The net change for the week was a gain of from 20 to 40 points, or from $1 to $2 a bale.

Weed-end market letters generally gave as the real reason for the advance the sound technical position of the market. A stimulating influence was the Census Bureau report on mill statistics for January, showing a total consumption in this country of cotton and linters of 679,457 bales, a new high record for the month, which brought the total for the season thus far up to 3,774,309 bales, also a new high record.

Efforts of shorts to cover towards the week-end kept the market steady in spite of uneasiness over international politics and the lack of new business. There was a decided disposition late in the week to refrain from entering into new business because of the holiday in this market Tuesday and the holiday Thursday in both American markets.

With trading so broken up, the coming week probably will be inclined towards dullness, unless something important should happen in a political way, or some change should come about in shipping.

**"Edgeworth Heights" Sold.**

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 18.—"Edgeworth Heights," the noted home place of S H. Isler here, has been sold to local realty men. The consideration is known to have been in excess of $30,000. The property is located on the eastern edge of the city, overlooking Tower Hill road. The dwelling is a handsome one. W. J. Bryan was a guest there on a visit to the city about 15 months ago.

London, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says the Russion minister of commerce has introduced in the duma bill under the terms of which the government will devote 100,000,000 rubles towards the creation of a Russian mercantile fleet. The money is to be employed in advances to shipbuilders.

### THE WEATHER.

**United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.**

February 19, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 54 degrees; at 8 P. M., 59 degrees; maximum, 63 degrees; minimum, 51 degrees; mean, 57 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .07 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .46 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 6.7 feet.

**THE WEATHER.**

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy and slightly colder Monday; Tuesday rain.

**The Port Calendar, Feb. 19, 1917.**

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| Sun rises | 6:52 A. M. |
| Sun sets | 6:00 P. M. |
| Day's length | 11 hrs. 8 min. |

**THE TIDES.**

| | High water. A.M. | P.M. | Low water. A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wilmington | 7:49 | 8:03 | 2:37 | 3:17 |
| Southport | 5:31 | 5:53 | 12:02 | 11:53 |
| Masonboro Inl | 5:20 | 5:42 | 11:42 | 11:33 |

**WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.**

February 18, 1917.

| STATIONS: | Weather at 8 P. M. | Temperature: Highest today. | Lowest Last night. | Precipitation at 8 P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | cldy | 72 | — | .0 |
| Asheville | clear | 62 | 42 | .24 |
| Atlanta | clear | 68 | 48 | .40 |
| Augusta | clear | 66 | 52 | .68 |
| Baltimore | clear | 52 | — | .0 |
| Birmingh. | cldy | 72 | 56 | .66 |
| Boston | clear | 48 | — | .0 |
| Charleston | cldy | 60 | 50 | 1.20 |
| Charlotte | clear | 56 | 44 | .46 |
| Chicago | cldy | 24 | — | .0 |
| Galveston | cldy | 70 | 62 | .0 |
| Jacksonv. | pt cldy | 82 | 58 | .0 |
| Memphis | clear | 60 | — | .0 |
| Mobile | cldy | 76 | 68 | .04 |
| Montgom'y | cldy | 68 | 56 | 2.32 |
| New Orl. | cldy | 80 | 68 | .0 |
| New York | clear | 48 | — | .0 |
| Oklahoma | clear | 56 | — | .0 |
| Palestine | cldy | 82 | 60 | .0 |
| Pittsburg | cldy | 40 | — | .0 |
| Raleigh | cldy | 56 | 46 | .34 |
| Savannah | rain | 72 | 52 | 1.38 |
| Shreveport | pt cldy | 80 | — | .12 |
| St. Louis | cldy | 34 | — | .0 |
| Washing'n | pt cldy | 54 | — | .0 |

**HIGH SCHOOL DECLAIMERS' CONTEST AT WAKE FOREST**

**Over Twenty-Five Students to Take Part—To Be Held March 8-9.**

(Special Star Correspondence).

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 18—The first State High School declaimers' contest ever held at Wake Forest College is scheduled for March 8th and 9th, when over 25 students representing the leading preparatory schools of the State will compete for three valuable prizes. The committee on arrangements is now corresponding with the various high school principals in the hope that a great many more students may be induced to enter the contest.

Present indications point to success for this the initial step in bringing Wake Forest College into closer relation with the schools from which it draws the majority of its students. The Political Science club of the college is now planning to give the visitors a reception after the Colgate-Wake Forest debate on March 9th. The college has agreed to give free entertainment to the entrants while here, and is also giving a scholarship to the one winning the medal offered by the two literary societies; these things should make the contest very attractive to those who expect to enter college next fall.

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| DEPARTURES | TO AND FROM | ARRIVALS |
|---|---|---|
| No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound until 7:00 A. M. | No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday. |
| No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M. | No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily. |
| No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday. | Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations. | No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday. |
| No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.** | No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily. | Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford. | No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily. | Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations. | No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily. | Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M. | No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily. |
| No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday. | Fayetteville and intermediate stations. | No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday. |
| No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk. | No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily. |
| No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday | Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points. | No. 58 9:25 A. M. Daily except Sunday |

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## SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

**IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.**

**WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH**

| EASTBOUND | | | WESTBOUND | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk | Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le | Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach | Leave Beach for Wilmington | Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington | Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington |
| *6:30 A.M. | *6:30 A.M. | *6:30 A.M. | ..... | *6:15 A.M. | *6:26 A.M. |
| !6:30 A.M. | !6:30 A.M. | x!6:30 A.M. | z!7:05 A.M. | !7:15 A.M. | !7:26 A.M. |
| *6:50 A.M. | *6:50 A.M. | ..... | ..... | *7:20 A.M. | *7:31 A.M. |
| *8:00 A.M. | *8:00 A.M. | ..... | *7:40 A.M. | *7:50 A.M. | *8:01 A.M. |
| *8:30 A.M. | *8:30 A.M. | *8:30 A.M. | ..... | *8:30 A.M. | *8:41 A.M. |
| !8:30 A.M. | !8:30 A.M. | x!8:30 A.M. | z!9:05 A.M. | !9:15 A.M. | !9:26 A.M. |
| 10:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. | *9:15 A.M. | *9:25 A.M. | *9:36 A.M. |
| 11:30 A.M. | 11:30 A.M. | 11:30 A.M. | ..... | !10:20 A.M. | !10:31 A.M. |
| !1:00 P.M. | !1:00 P.M. | !1:00 P.M. | 10:45 A.M. | 10:55 A.M. | 11:06 A.M. |
| *1:10 P.M. | *1:10 P.M. | x*1:10 P.M. | 12:15 P.M. | 12:25 P.M. | 12:36 P.M. |
| o1:55 P.M. | o1:55 P.M. | ..... | !1:45 P.M. | !1:55 P.M. | !2:06 P.M. |
| 2:30 P.M. | 2:30 P.M. | ..... | z*1:45 P.M. | *1:50 P.M. | *2:01 P.M. |
| 3:00 P.M. | 3:00 P.M. | 3:00 P.M. | ..... | *2:25 P.M. | *2:36 P.M. |
| 3:30 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | o3:00 P.M. | o3:11 P.M. |
| o4:10 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | o3:50 P.M. |
| 4:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 4:30 P.M. | 3:45 P.M. | 3:55 P.M. | 4:06 P.M. |
| o4:50 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | o4:30 P.M. |
| 5:30 P.M. | 5:30 P.M. | ..... | ..... | ..... | o5:10 P.M. |
| 6:10 P.M. | 6:10 P.M. | ..... | 5:15 P.M. | 5:25 P.M. | 5:36 P.M. |
| 6:40 P.M. | 6:40 P.M. | x6:40 P.M. | ..... | 6:00 P.M. | 6:11 P.M. |
| 7:15 P.M. | 7:15 P.M. | ..... | ..... | 6:40 P.M. | 6:51 P.M. |
| 8:15 P.M. | 8:15 P.M. | ..... | z7:15 P.M. | 7:20 P.M. | 7:31 P.M. |
| 9:15 P.M. | 9:15 P.M. | 9:15 P.M. | ..... | 7:55 P.M. | 8:06 P.M. |
| 10:15 P.M. | 10:15 P.M. | ..... | ..... | 8:45 P.M. | 8:56 P.M. |
| 11:15 P.M. | 11:15 P.M. | ..... | 10:00 P.M. | 10:10 P.M. | 10:21 P.M. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10:45 P.M. | 10:56 P.M. |
| ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11:45 P.M. | 11:56 P.M. |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
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| 6:15 A.M. Ar. | Goldsboro | Lv. | 10:25 P.M. |
| 6:45 A.M. Lv. | Goldsboro | Ar. | 9:25 P.M. |
| 7:40 A.M. Ar. | Selma | Lv. | 8:38 P.M. |
| 8:52 A.M. Ar. | Raleigh | Lv. | 7:25 P.M. |

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On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd; limit extended to March 19th, on payment $1.00.

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### SPANISH NEUTRALITY IS DISCUSSED IN THE CORTES

**Premier Says Spain Is Friend of Both Belligerents and Neutrals.**

Madrid, Feb. 17 (via London, Feb 18.)Spanish neutrality was the subject of animated discussion in the Cortes last night, when several deputies questioned the premier, Count de Romanones, on the attitude of the government in the war. The premier said that the government was, above all, neutral as between the two opposing elements and had shown its attitude very distinctly in the action taken in connection with several moves by the United States; one, the invitation to intervene fo rthe re-establishment of peace, and, another, an invitation to declare war against Germany.

Deputy Rodes, interrupting the premier, said that this declaration by Count De Romanones was incorrect because the United States had never invited Spain to declare war.

Amid considerable excitement in the chamber, caused by this remark ,the premier replied that in reality the United States had invited Spain only to break off diplomatic relations with Germany, and added:

"Spain is the friend of all the belligerents and all neutrals and for that very reason it cannot undertake discussion or negotiations which would have the effect of injuring our freindships and our tranquility."

The premier closed the debate by declaring that the government would maintain with pride its neutrality and would defend all points of its note to Germany protesting against the submarine blockade.

### CREW OF THE AMERICAN SCHOONER LAW REACH ROME

**Captain Says if His Vessel Had Been Armed He Could Have Sunk U-Boat**

Rome, Feb. 17, via Paris, Feb. 18.—Captain McDonough and the crew of the American schooner Lyman M. Law, recently sunk by a German submarine, arrived in Rome last evening with Roger Tredwell, the United States consul at Turin, and were interrogated at the American embassy. Captain McDonough repeated his story of the sinking of the schoner, adding that the vessel had a large supply of canned goods, especially meat, chicken and vegetables, which doubtless attracted the officers and crew of the submarine in their search fod food.

Captain McDonough described the submarine crew as being composed of "about forty men—all big, blond, husky fellows." Describing the approach of the submarine, the master of the American schooner said:

"If my ship had been armed with a five pounder, I could have destroyed the submarine as easily as buttering a piece of herad. Neither myself nor my men lowered our dignity by showing any resentment. I didn't ask them to spare the ship and left her smilingly while the Germans also smiled."

Captain McDonough and his crew will be sent to the United States. Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador, has sent a report on the sinking of the American vessel to the State Department at Washington.

### BERLIN REPORTS SINKING OF ITALIAN SHIP BISAGNO

**Details of Attack by German U-Boat Printed in Italian Newspaper.**

Berlin, Feb. 15. (via Sayville, Feb. 18.)—Details of the sinking by a German submarine of the Italian steamship Bisagno, of 2,252 tons gross, in the Atlantic Ocean, January 12, are printed in the Italian newspaper Idea Nazionale, says the Overseas News Agency. The Bisagno was stopped, according to the newspaper, by four warning shots. Because of the rough sea the steamer was then ordered to approach within miles of the Spanish coast where the sailors were advised by the submarine commander to throw themselves into the water. The men were then rescued by the U-boat and later were transferred to the Dutch steamship Gesterland, which carried them to Falmouth.

The foregoing Berlin dispatch contains the first announcement to reach this country of the sinking of the Bisagno.

### "LET'S HAVE A REAL ONE."

**Chicago Paper Wants Thorough Probe of High Cost of Food.**

(Chicago Herald.)

The Federal Trade Commission is about to start an investigation of the rise in food prices. It will ask the President to approve an appropriation of $400,000 for that purpose. It proposes to cover every side of the food situation.

Good! Let us hope at last we are going to have a real investigation. The country has confidence in the Federal Trade Commission. Now let's have the facts. Let's go to the bottom—to the fundamentals—and really learn all that can be learned about the subject.

The problem is legal and economic. The question of whether there are combinations in restraint of trade must be decided. That has heretofore attracted the main attention. Now it's time to go more into the economic part—and go into it thoroughly. Are the people being compelled to pay too much for what they buy? Nobody can answer that until he can say with reasonable approximation what it costs to produce those things.

In some fields the trade commission will find plenty of data. The packers, for instance, can tell it exactly what it costs them to turn out their products. Government attention has encouraged accurate cost accounting in their case. But these fields are limited. In the biggest fields of all the work will have to be done from the ground up. There isn't a farmer in Illinois who knows what it costs him to put his product on the market today. There isn't one manufacturer in ten who has an accurate idea of what it costs him to run his business.

Let the trade commission start literally "from the ground up." Let it start with the farmer and find what production of everything, from eggs to wheat and cattle, means in terms of money and labor expenditure. He doesn't know, and nobody else knows. Then let it follow the product to consumption. Many people assume high prices don't start until they reach some large organization. From the economic standpoint they are just as liable to start at the beginning as anywhere else. Prices cannot be permanently below the cost of production under any circumstances.

The country is in the mood for an investigation that will be long and deep and thorough. It is tired of these continued flurries about high prices that get nothing except possibly a politician into Congress or some other job or into the newspapers. It has had its fill of half-baked remedies that spring from attention to only one half of the great problem. Let's have an investigation that will enable the country to see it steadily and see it whole. It would be cheap at $400,000 or $4,000,000.

### GERARD IS HONOR GUEST OF THE FRENCH PREMIER

**Crowds Give Friendly Demonstrations to Former Ambassador to Berlin.**

Paris, Feb. 18. — James W. Gerard, the former American ambassador to Germany, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given at the foreign office by Premier Brind today. A distinguished company was present, including diplomatic representatives of the Entente powers.

Mr. Gerard was accompanied by the American ambassador of France, William Graves Sharp, and both were recipients of many marks of cordiality. Mr. Gerard carefully avoided anything in the nature of a speech or any expression of political views.

Ambassador and Mrs. Gerard and Ambassador and Mrs. Sharp attended a show at the Trocadero for the benefit of the Canadian hospital. Shouts of "Bravo!" greeted their arrival and as soon as their presence became generally known the immense audience renewed the cheering. Both ambassadors bowed acknowledgments and the orchestra ceased playing in order to give way to the band of the Republican Guard, which immediately marched on the stage and played "The Star Spangled Banner," at the close of which there was another outburst of enthusiasm.

### EPISCOPAL PENSION FUND PASSES THE $5,000,000 MARK

New York, Feb. 18. — Bishop William Lawrence, of Boston, announced here today that the old age pension fund which the Episcopal church is raising, had passed the $5,000,000 mark. Original estimates, he explained, required this sum as a minimum, if the movement was to be a success.

### AUSTRIA WORKING TO AVERT BREACH

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titude during the past two weeks.

With the exception of a few radical Germanists, nobody has shown much bitterness here against the American government, though what has been termed "the unfairness of Washington" has resulted in much disappointment. The public and the government alike take the stand that President Wilson has denied the right of self-defense in depriving them of the only effective weapon at their disposal. Persons with whom the correspondent has talked have laid great hopes on the American Congress. The belief has been expressed by them that open debate in Congress would lead to an understanding of the position of the central powers.

Much faith is placed in official and other quarters on the presumption that the United States would be unable to put a large army in the field in a short time, and that the war in Europe will be over before the military strength of the United States could be developed. Much comfort is found by the people generally in the reports concerning the activity of the submarines, the results of which everybody hopes will be such that the Entente will be compelled to entertain peace negotiations before the United States would be in a position to land large forces in France.

### PROBABLY PLANNING ATTACK ON SANTIAGO

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her visit was said to be purely one of courtesy. Assistant Secretary of State Patterson is quoted as saying that Carlos Cespedes, the Cuban minister at Washington, had cabled in advance the coming of war vessels to this and other ports of the island and adding that he had assurances from Secretary of State Lansing that their presence was intended to give moral support to the Cuban government and "re-affirming assurances of non-intervention."

Dr. Alfredo Zayas is reliably reported as seeking a conference with the American minister, but Mr. Gonzales would not say that he is to meet Mr. Zayas, who is reported to be in hiding in or near Havana, supposedly in a foreign legation.

Numerous arrests of suspected men are being made at various points in the republic and reports continue to come in of rebels giving themselves up with their arms, singly and in small groups.

### U. S. MINE LAYER TO GUARD THE HARBOR AT SANTIAGO

Santiago, Cuba, Feb. 18.—The United States mine layer San Francisco, arrived here this morning and Commander Butler arranged with the military governor not to allow the warships of President Menocal or others carrying troops for the purpose of attacking Santiago, to enter the harbor, provided the governor would not mine the harbor or sink a ship in the channel. No American troops have been landed here.

Trops under command of General Carlos Gonzales Clavel left here this morning by train for the purpose of attacking Manzanillo. Major Bertot at Manzanilla hos taken refuge in the American consulate.

No confirmation has yet been received of the reported capture of two brothers of President eMnocal when the liberal forces took possession of the Menocal sugar mill at Palma Soriano.

### ACCEPTS NEW POSITION AT SACRIFICE OF $4,000 A YEAR

**Rev. Worth M. Tippy, of Madison Avenue Methodist Church, Resigns**

New York, Feb. 18.—The Rev. Worth M. Tippy, pastor of Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, reported to be the highest salaried pastor in his denomination, has accepted a sacrifice of $4,000 a year, the office of secretary in charge of social service in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and anounced his resignation as pastor today.

He was prompted in this step, he said, by a sincere desire to participate in a movement soon to be launched in which 207,000 churches of all denominations are expected to join for the expansion of social service.

### BOOZE

**Giving the States a Chance—The State Line Now a Dead Line.**

The Supreme Court of the United States by a vote of 7 to 2 has upheld the Webb-Kenyon law, prohibiting the shipment of liquor from wet into dry states. For booze the state line in now the dead line. In rendering this decision the court has cut the Gordian knot by which national control of interstate commece held helpless the state control of the liquor business. Booze shipments are now subject to state police power and can no longer claim exemption by posing as interstate commerce. According to press reports, Chief Justice White used the following language in announcin the decision:

### SAYS THE SWISS MINISTER ACTED ON OWN INITIATIVE

**Not Instructed to Make Effort to Restore German-American Relations.**

Geneva, Switzerland, via Paris, Feb. 18. — La Suisse learns from Berne that the Swiss minister at Washington, Dr. Paul Ritter, acted on his own initiative without instructions from the Swiss government, in the action concerning resumption of relations between the United States and Germany.

A Reuter dispatch from Berne under date of February 17, said that "the note presented by the Swiss minister to the American government, suggesting fresh negotiations regarding the submarine warfare, owes its origin to no initiative on the part of the Swiss minister or the Swiss government."

What purported to be the German official version of the proposal made through the Swiss minister at Washington for a conference on the submarie question was sent by the Reuter Amsterdam correspondent on Feburary 14. This version set forth that a telegram from the Swiss minister in Washington was transmitted to Germany by Switzerland, the minister offering, if Germany were agreeable, to mediate in negotiations with the American government about the declaration of prohibited areas, as thereby the danger of war between Germany and the United States might be diminished.

"The Swiss government," it was further declared, "was then requested to inform its minister at Washington that Germany, as before, was ready to negotiate with America in case the commerce barrier against her enemies remained untouched."

### NEGRO ARRIVES IN CHARGE OF COMPANY OF MILITIA

**Will Again Face Trial of Charge of Killing Kentucky Police Chief.**

Murray, Ky., Feb. 18.—Lube Martin, the negro charged with the murder of former policeman Guthrie Duigid, arrived here tonight in charge of Company D., Third Kentucky National Guard. Several hundred people followed the negro to the jail but refrained from making a hostile demonstration.

Judge Bush, whose death was threatened by a mob here three weeks ago, reached here a short while after the prisoner.

Unless a change of venue is requested and granted the trial of Martin will begin tomorrow. The soldiers are here in response to a call issued by Governor Stanly who is determined to prevent a repetition of the turbulent scenes that occurred last month and necessitated his rushing here abroad a special train at night to quell a threatened uprising against Judge Bush.

### HAMPTON ROADS IS CLOSED TO ALL SHIPPING AT NIGHT

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—Hampton Roads, fenced by a great steel net, is closed to all shipping at night under an order issued today by Rear Admiral McLean, commandant of this naval district. Certain known American vessels in the coastwise or Chesapeake Bay trade will be permitted to enter or depart up to 9 o'clock at night, but other craft will be barred from darkness until daylight.

Even by daylight ships going in or out must be passed by patrol boats, which will open a buoyed gate for authorized vessels.

Admiral McLean's orders, after giving instructions as to the procedure of vessels entering or leaving the roads, closes with the warning that destroyers on guard are charged with the enforcement of the new instructions with such force as is necessary for strict compliance.

### CATTLEMEN MAY ORGANIZE EXPEDITION OF THEIR OWN

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 18.—A report is current tonight that cattlement in the Hachita district of New Mexico intend to form a punitive expedition of their own to cross into Mexico and chase the bandits who murdered three Mormon cowboys on the Corner Ranch last Monday. Lem Spillsbury, the Mormon scout lately with General Pershing in Mexico, was said to be organizing such a posse.

### PEACE IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE PRESENT GERMAN GOVERNMENT

London, Feb. 18.—Addressing a meeting in London the speaker of the house of commons, the Righ Honorable James William Lowther, declared that it was impossible for British statesmen to make any agreement with the German government as now constituted. It would be necessary for signing any peace or agreement, he said, to insist that it must be with a government different in substance and constitution from the present one.

### HIT AND KILLED BY AUTO OF FORMER BASEBALL STAR

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—An automobile belonging to Charles Albert Bender, former star pitcher of the Philadelphia Americans, struck and killed James Curran, 31 years old, last night in the northern section of the city. Bender is said to have been in the machine at the time. The police refuse to discuss the matter further than to say that Bender surrendered, that he was released on his own recognizance and that he will be given a hearing tomorrow.

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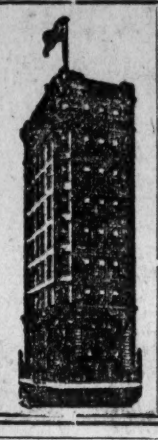

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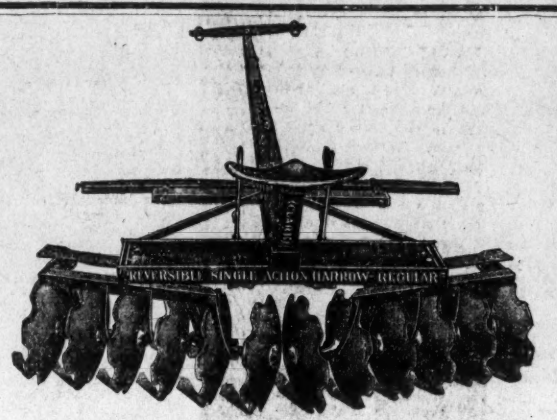


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